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£18m BOOSTER FOR CITY PLANS

AN £18m investment in Wolverhampton has been hailed a huge boost to the city after what Prime Minister David Cameron called an 'historic day'.

The growth deal for the Black Country and Staffordshire will see several vital Wolverhampton projects given significant financial investment.

A long-awaited revamp of Wolverhampton railway station and the surrounding area will begin after a £4.5m Government boost.

More than £10m will be spent on expanding and refurbishing the Civic and Wulfrun Halls with new balconies added in each venue.

A new £10m Science, Technology and Prototype Centre will be built at Wolverhampton Science Park for high-end science businesses.

Delight

Meanwhile, the Bilston Urban Village Scheme – designed to introduce much-needed affordable housing – gets a £3.3m injection and the Grand Theatre is given £400,000 towards an £800,000 refurbishment project.

Bosses and councillors spoke of their delight at the massive financial boost to the city.

Council leader Roger Lawrence said: "We produced one of the best bids in the country and we have been recognised for the strength of the schemes that this funding will support. This is great news for the city and the whole of the region."

Across the Black Country and Staffordshire 11,000 new jobs and more than 2,000 new homes will be created by the growth deal.

By Tim Spiers

The Government will pump £138m into the Black Country, starting next year, while other government bodies, local councils and private business will generate an additional £310 million. Staffordshire will receive £82m.

Funding for the railway station comes after it was described as 'awful' by transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin. Pat McFadden, MP for Wolverhampton South East, said: "Wolverhampton train station is in urgent need of renewal and I hope this funding delivers."

Prime Minister David Cameron called it an 'historic' day for the Black Country.

The targets are outlined in a deal sealed between the Government and Local Enterprise Partnerships made up of local business leaders and council chiefs with the job of creating jobs and growth in the region.

A lot of the money is intended to support the Local Enterprise Partnerhip's vision of the Black Country as a centre for UK manufacturing, under the banner 'Made in the Black Country, Sold around the world'. This means millions spent on training and improving skills.

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Storing up receipt – for 26 years

Frank and Diana Lloyd, with their Sainsbury's receipt from 1988, with manager Ann Greenall, left

A SHOPPER amazed staff at a city centre supermarket which is closing this week - after producing a receipt from the day it opened 26 years ago.

A block of Cheshire cheese cost just 50p when Diana Lloyd first stepped foot inside Sainsbury's in St George's Parade, Wolverhampton, when it opened on January 19, 1988.

Mrs Lloyd happened to pop in on the shop's first day in existence and has been a regular in there ever since to buy her weekly goods and groceries.

On Tuesday the supermarket was closing down with staff relocating to the retail giant's long-awaited £60m store in Raglan Street on the other side of the city centre.

And ahead of the big moving day staff also took the time to dish out cash to many of the charities it has supported in recent years, with Wolves legend Steve Bull handing out cheques to The Haven, Compton Hospice and Midlands Air Ambulance among others.

Mrs Lloyd, from Finchfield, will transfer her custom to Raglan Street and said she had no idea why she kept the 26-year-old receipt, which shows that she spent just £17.16 on 42 items.

"It's like a snapshot in time," she said. "It's interesting to see how little some things cost, I can't believe the cheese was only 50p.

"I said goodbye to some of the staff but I'll see them next week - just in a different place."

Other items on the list include 10 fish fingers for just 89p, damson jam for 46p and a loaf of bread for 44p, while 1kg of potatoes was 35p.

"Mrs Lloyd was one of our first customers and she'll be one of our last." The Guide Dogs charity, Promise Dreams and animal charity PDSA also benefited from the cash handouts, which totalled £2,300.

Pro golfer admits child porn charges

A GOLF professional has admitted to possessing more than 2,800 indecent images of children and extreme pornography.

Guy Dean, who has worked at golf clubs in Penn, Rowley Regis, West Bromwich, Pelsall and Cannock, appeared at Stafford Crown Court on Monday.

The 44-year-old, of Pelsall Lane, Bloxwich, admitted seven charges of making indecent images of a child and two of possessing extreme pornographic images between June 2011 and April last year.

Career

Dean admitted possessing three images of extreme pornography and five pornographic images involving animals. His entire haul totalled more than 2,800 pictures and one video. Miss Catherine O'Reilly, defending Dean, told the court a psychiatric report on her client was being prepared.

Judge Mark Eades adjourned the case for reports. Dean was released on unconditional bail. He will be sentenced at a date yet to be fixed. Dean started his pro career at Beaudesert Golf Club in Rugeley Road, Cannock, in 1986.

In 1996 he joined ranks South Staffordshire Golf Club.

Car flips on to its roof

A driver and two passengers had a lucky escape after their car flipped onto its roof down a country lane.

Emergency services were called to Long Lane in Newtown, Essington at 11pm on Monday after the accident involving a white Vauxhall Corsa.

It was the only vehicle involved in the crash and Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service said there were no injuries.

It is understood that there were three people in the car at the time.

Primary school to add seven classrooms

SEVEN new classrooms are to be built at a primary school and seven extra staff taken on as part of a £13 million plan to create hundreds of new school places across Wolverhampton.

Trinity CE Primary School in Heath Town has been given the go-ahead for the extension, which will allow it to increase its capacity by 50 per cent.

The plans will also see six existing classrooms enlarged, the assembly hall extended and a new main entrance built at the school in Longford Road.

Wider

The total floorspace will increase by more than a quarter, from 29,192 sq ft to 37,480 sq ft. The scheme is part of a wider plan across the city to cope with the rocketing demand for primary school place.

Last year a report to the council said more places were urgently needed.

The authority approved a £13 million cash injection to build extensions at Trinity CE, Fallings Park and Dunstall Hill primary schools, creating a total of 630 new places across the city.

Trinity CE will see ipupil numbers eventually grow from 420 to 630. The number of new pupils next term should go from 60 to 90.

Civic date for Bob Jones

A PUBLIC celebration of the life of West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones will take place later this month.

Wolverhampton Civic Hall will host the event ahead of Mr Jones' private family funeral on July 23.

His family have asked that anyone attending the celebration, which starts at 1pm, not wear black.

The 59-year-old, who lived in Wolverhampton, died in his sleep last week.

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Council deficits up £1.6bn in year

COUNCIL debts and deficits in the Black Country, Staffordshire and Wyre Forest soared by almost £1.6 billion in a year.

And some now have financial liabilities that exceed the value of all the property and other assets they own, according to research by the TaxPayers' Alliance.

Councils say the figures are misleading because they also include the pension deficit as well as the cost of borrowing. They are grappling with multi-million cuts in their grant funding.

Nationally the TPA found councils had more than £180 billion in long-term liabilities on 31 March 2013, an increase of eight per cent on the year before. It said this was almost seven times the amount raised in council tax in that year, meaning revenues were being used to pay off debt interest, rather than fund essential services.

Its research showed that between 10 councils serving south Staffordshire, Black Country and Wyre Forest, liabilities rose from a combined £5.4 billion to more than £6bn.

Jonathan Isaby, chief executive of the TPA, said: "It is nothing short of immoral for councils to pile further debt on the next generation."

Wolverhampton City Council's finance chief said the figures did not reflect the true picture.

Councillor Andrew Johnson said: The liabilities for Wolverhampton include £551 million in the pension fund. That's only a problem if we had to pay every single worker their pension at the same time, which would never happen."

Knifepoint burglar is jailed for nine years

A VICIOUS thug who staged terrifying knifepoint raids on the same family twice in less than a fortnight has been jailed for nine years.

Richard Brown and two unidentified accomplices escaped with electrical goods worth a total of almost £4,500, a judge heard.

The 26-year-old, with several previous convictions for violence, first struck at the home of a man and his disabled partner and her 10-year-old son on December 11 last year, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. The family came face to face with him after answering a knock on the front door.

Mr Robert Price, prosecuting, said: "He was holding a knife and forced his way into the living room followed by two males, one of whom also had a knife."

They took mobile phones, cigarettes, two Xboxes and a laptop with a combined value of £1,850, the court heard.

Smashed

On December 23 at 8.35pm Brown hammered on the door of the same house in Himley Crescent, Goldthorn Park. The hooded caller smashed his way inside the premises when the terrified family refused to open the door, continued Mr Price.

Brown, clutching a three inch blade knife, smashed the porch door and living room window with a brick before kicking in the front door, the court was told.

The prosecutor continued: "He was followed in by another man and told the householder:'Move out of the way or I will kill you.'"

The raiders took two TVs and an iPhone with a total value of £2,600, the judge was told.

Brown from Farndale Avenue, Whitmore Reans pleaded guilty to two aggravated burglaries and was sent to prison for nine years.

Family pay tribute to 'kind' Bob

THE family of West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones who died suddenly last week have paid tribute to him, calling him a 'kind, modest and unassuming' man.

The 59-year-old who died in his sleep last Monday was described by his wife Sarah as a 'good listener who wanted to make the public to feel safe with the police.

She added: "He made me laugh, he had a lovely smile and was always very kind. He was a good listener, who would hear me out and then gently point of the error of my ways.

"He was entirely modest and unassuming and would go to the ends of the earth to sort out people's problems. He would drop everything if somebody needed help."

She said he always wanted people to feel safe with the police.

"He wanted people to know that if they had a problem, they could go to the police and it would be sorted out," she said.

"Sarah's daughter Frances Harrison said he was a doting grandfather to her daughter Emma who said: "He was just the most amazing and wonderful Grandbob."

Craft centre date sew special

Essington heritage craft centre is due to launch at the weekend

A CRAFT centre which will display work from local artists and teach aspiring students is getting the finishing touches before its launch this weekend.

Living In Loveliness, based in Essington in South Staffordshire, will open its doors at the village community centre on Saturday .

It is the brainchild of Kerrie Padmore, of Featherstone, who with the help of Prince's Trust funding was able to launch the business.

And around 15 students she has already began teaching were on hand to help paint and decorate her new store as well as donate furniture before the grand opening.

Mrs Padmore, aged 30, said: "I teach sewing and card craft in particular and a few of the people I teach have been coming in for lessons then staying and helping out with decorating by painting and creating bunting.

"It's great, it shows they like it and it is a real community effort."

Change in long-term plans for care home

A BUILDING which was due to be used as a nursing home is being converted into bungalows for the elderly.

Plans to convert Ashmore Lodge, in Kitchen Lane, near Ashmore Park, into a nursing home have been in the pipeline for more than 15 years, but work finally began on the site earlier this year.

An application has now been lodged with South Staffordshire Council to amend the plans, and seven 'low level buildings' will now be built on the site.

Renew

Keith Park, managing director of Kean Building and Fire Protection Services, who own the site, said his plan was always to offer independent living for over 55s. The new homes will be built on the site of the former Park House Care Home.

In 2010, the company had to renew their original planning permission for a 20-bedroom home after the original permission ran out.

But Mr Park said they had decided to change tack to get the houses built, and amended the application for seven "senior living accommodation units."

Display shines light on glass

A TWO-MONTH exhibition celebrating a Black Country glass company has gone on display.

Hosted at Bilston Craft Gallery on Mount Pleasant it shows how company Phoenix, which was based in the town, produced its work.

The firm was set up in the 1930s to exploit a patent for ovenproof glass. It was a glass similar to the well-known brand Pyrex but made under a different patent.

Phoenix is known for a wide range of domestic wares. The free exhibition will run until August 30.

Open mic dates

ONE of Wolverhampton's newest city centre pubs will be giving local singers and musicians a chance to cut their teeth with weekly open mic nights on Thursdays.

The Dog and Doublet in North Street will be staging free sessions for musicians.

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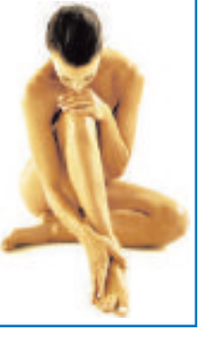
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£10m boost for the arts attractions

MORE than £10 million is being pumped into museums, theatres and arts organisations across Wolverhampton and the Black Country.

Wolverhampton Art Gallery and the Arena Theatre are among those benefitting from the cash, set aside by the Arts Council England for 2015 to 2018.

Other attractions getting cash include the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley and the New Art Gallery, Walsall.

West Bromwich-based Multistory; Arts Connect, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich-based Black Country Touring will also benefit.

The Black Country Living Museum will receive £2,658,000. It is the first year the attraction has got funding from Arts Council England.

Andrew Lovett, director and chief executive, has welcomed the boost, saying: "Securing this level of investment is a major achievement for museums in the Midlands region."

The Arena Theatre – a 150-seat arena in Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton, – will get £110,000 per year over the next three years until 2017/18.

Educational arts organisation Arts Connect, affiliated to the University of Wolverhampton, will receive £3.2m from 2015 to 2018, down from £3.4m, a drop of nine per cent. While Wolverhampton Art Gallery and Bilston Craft Gallery will get £383,265 between them, up from £382,010.

The New Art Gallery in Walsall is to get £2,644,462, up from £2,635,820 and £430,490 is heading to Black Country Touring, up from £429,083. Multistory, an organisation that works with artists to make art with and about the people of Sandwell, is to get £421,054, up from £422,435.

Peter Phillips, chairman of the Midlands Area Council, added: "The Midlands has an ambitious and exciting cultural offer. t's home to a great number of organisations and artists that produce world-class work and we're committed to maintaining this."

Civic Hall revamp hopes to attract big name acts

A £10M EXPANSION and revamp of Wolverhampton's Civic and Wulfrun Halls will help bosses bring in big name acts and set the venues up for the next 40 years, say chiefs.

The building is getting its biggest refurbishment in decades as part of a Government growth scheme which saw projects across the Black Country and Staffordshire given a slice of £221million.

And it is hoped the Civic Halls project will capture the imagination of people in Wolverhampton and beyond. Work will start late next year on transforming the North Street building.

A second balcony will be installed in the main Civic Hall, bumping its capacity up by 300 to 3,300.

The stage, currently 12 ft too small for major acts with big shows, will be put back 15 ft, taking in to where the 'back bar' area currently is.

By Tim Spiers

Exciting

And space in the side bar areas will be dramatically increased with the wall backing onto Corporation Street, by the Magistrates' Court, pushed back 15 ft.

Manager Mark Blackstock said it was vital the essence of the Civic remained the same in what he called an exciting time for the venue. This will allow us to attract arena-size shows and shows where they do quick changes on stage," he said.

"Pop acts, Britain's Got Talent acts, we'll get far more of them, it'll allow us to get into that market. We hope to attract even bigger comedy acts as well - we can be perceived as being a bit tired around the edges at the moment.

"Other projects in the city set to benefit from a cash boost include Wolverhampton's train station which will see the long-awaited completion of the city's transport Interchange, with £4.5m going towards the £13.5m project.

At Wolverhampton Science Park a £10m Science, Technology and Prototyping Centre will be built.

And the scheme has seen £3.3m pumped into the Bilston Urban Village project and £400,000 will go towards giving the Grand Theatre a facelift.

At the nearby Grand Theatre the Government's £400,000 grant will be matched by the venue in an £800,000 facelift project.

Plans will be finalised in the coming months and years but the backstage areas will get the bulk of the cash.

Big smiles as they enjoy the Scotlands and Bushbury Hill carnival procession. They are Natasha Preece, Nicole Hall, Jess Wright and Harriet Bullock. The procession was led by Harley Davidson riders

Camper party style – Shelley Bond, Alice Richardson and Francesca Humpries

An elite line-up of fun events

FROM a summer celebration of the Camper Van to a motorcycle rally and carnivals, families headed out for summer events.

Fans of the Volkswagen travelled from across the UK and Europe for Camper Jam at Weston Park over the weekend. It was just one of a number of events to be held across the city, with crowds enjoying carnivals in Tettenhall and Bushbury, as well as a rally of iconic Sunbeam motorbikes.

Around 2,000 people enjoyed a traditional summer fair as Tettenhall hosted its biggest annual event.

Resurrected

The event has been going for 14 years and was organised once again by Tettenhall Round Table.

In Bushbury around 3,000 people turned out for the Scotlands and Bushbury Carnival, funded by the National Lottery. It was resurrected last year after a 25 year hiatus with this year another success.

Wolverhampton held a celebration of one of the city's most famous exports, the Sunbeam bike.

It was made in Wolverhampton and is celebrated annually by The Marston Sunbeam Club & Register.

Drivers to face six weeks of delays

MOTORISTS will face six weeks of delays and diversions when a main route is closed for rail improvement work.

Improvements are being carried out at the level crossing in Noose Lane, Willenhall, and is due to start later this month.

A road closure is expected to be in place throughout the scheme as part of the resignalling of the railway being undertaken through Network Rail.

A diversion route is being finalised ahead of work getting under way on July 19, but there are concerns it will lead to traffic being forced into residential areas.

Willenhall councillor Ian Shires said: "It is going to create issues. It is an inconvenience for people.

"But at the end of the day, once it is done and finished it will improve the use of it and the safety aspect of it. There are quite a lot of cars that cut through Noose Lane."

Spokesman for Network Rail, Jon Crampton, said: "As part of the resignalling of the railway in the Wolverhampton area, Noose Lane level crossing will be closed from July 19 until September.

Man had high drug usage

A MAN had cannabis worth around £1,000 when police raided his home, a court heard.

However, Ashley Mighty was acquitted of possession with intent to supply but admitted possession and was ordered to pay £285 in penalties at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Mr Jonathan Veasey-Pugh, prosecuting, said about £600 was also discovered at the flat in New Oxley House, Stafford Road, Oxley on July 1 last year.

Mr Harpreet Sandhu, defending, said: "He had very high usage of cannabis."

Festival tune-up

FINAL preparations are under way ahead of an art and music festival in Wolverhampton at the weekend.

Junction Festival 2014 will run in venues in the Chapel Ash area on Saturday and Sunday. It will showcase art and music talent from the area.

Call over left turn ban

VILLAGERS are calling for a ban on turning left to be lifted for good.

Residents in Perton have been asked for their opinions on the current ban, which stops drivers from turning left from Wrottesley Park Road into Pattingham Road. More than 76 per cent said the ban should be lifted.

It was part of a survey carried out by South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson.

NEWS in brief

Countdown to the Best Foot Forward

THE countdown is on to this year's Best Foot Forward event, which will raise money for good causes.

Hosted by Wolverhampton Rotary Club, the fundraiser will see participants complete laps of Wolverhampton's Aldersley Stadium to raise money.

Each lap will unlock £1 from a fund donated by a host of businesses.

Best Foot Forward takes place on Saturday from 8am to 8pm at the stadium in Aldersley Road.

Poundland now opens in Spain

POUNDLAND has opened its first store in Spain in the resort of Torremolinos, it revealed, as it took the wraps off full year sales figures of nearly £1 billion.

Sales soared 13.3 per cent to £997.8m as it opened another 60 stores last year. Profits jumped 23.5 per cent to £36.8m. Sales are still rising, said chief executive Jim McCarthy, and Poundland plans another 70 stores this year.

The store has opened under the Dealz name that Poundland uses in Ireland.

Sign up, call on charity football

A FOOTBALL centre is looking for teams to take part in a five-a-side tournament to raise funds to combat diabetes.

Goals Black Country, in Darlaston Lane, Willenhall, is hosting the competition on July 27 in aid of JDRF - the type one diabetes charity.

Entry is £30 a team, with half donated to JDRF. Go to www.goalsfootball.co.uk or phone 0800 9878900.

Charity helper Sylvia honoured

A DEDICATED fundraiser, who is in her 80s, has been presented with an award for her charity work.

Sylvia Nixon, of Wednesfield, has been organising coffee mornings to help Macmillan Cancer Support for more than a decade.

She was presented with a certificate by Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds.

Praise for aid

A CHURCH evening of praise raised £300. It was part of a convention at Bilston New Testament church of God in Bilston with proceeds to Alzheimer's Society and Macmillan Cancer Support.

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OUR changing language. We are losing the battle to preserve "against." These days, people protest a decision and appeal a conviction. The next step? A radio reporter eliminated "about" as he told us that someone was "worrying the outcome." Sensible English is vanishing. I worry it. I really do.

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HERE'S the sort of thing that makes people angry with big corporations. A couple of days ago our troubled landline packed up yet again. The phone was dead but the broadband was working perfectly. So I went online to the BT page which invites us to: "manage your BT line problems. Troubleshoot issues, report and track faults." I entered the phone number into the appropriate box. Back came the message: "Please note that faults on this line cannot be reported via BT.com - please call 0800 800 151." In other words, there's a fault on your phone, so please give us a phone call.

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THREE alien species are being targeted for extermination by Defra, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. I can see them bumping off the Indian house crow and the quagga mussel without too many problems. But what reckless, fate-tempting fool will raise his shotgun against the third species, the sacred ibis? The clue is in the name. There is something about shooting an Egyptian sacred ibis that combines those twin follies of killing albatrosses and desecrating a Pharaoh's tomb. How long before those who slaughter the sacred ibis are discovered to be suffering from a nasty bout of ill-fortune, a term which will cover anything from sudden death to an ingrown toenail? I bet the headline writers are already on the case: "Curse of the Sacred Ibis." Don't you just love the silly season?

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FAREWELL, the old shoe shop, which has graced our main street for as long as I can remember. It is being replaced by an ice-cream parlour. In this internet age, the products that do best in the high street are the ones that cannot be ordered on line. Shoes can be successfully delivered by courier, ice cream less so.

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SO THE future is robotics. If you believe everything you hear, the Government's Technology Strategy Board is going to drive the UK into the forefront of the global robotic market with a dozen new proving grounds for robots, drones and driverless cars. The aim is to release humans from dirty, dangerous or repetitive tasks. So far, so good. But anyone over 60 will recall the glittering promise of something called automation. Back in the 1950s, automation was going to release us humans from drudgery. As one old timer told me lyrically many years ago: "The idea was that we'd only have to work a couple of hours a day and we'd spend the rest of our time writing poetry and making mandolins." It has not happened. Far from setting mankind free, the new technology, based on computers, has shackled millions more people to the grindstone. In 1952 about 23 million British people were employed. Today that figure is approaching 32 million. What are the odds on robotics making life easier, giving us more time to raise the kids, draft the occasional sonnet and make a mandolin? Be very sceptical. The lesson of history is that the more labour-saving devices we invent, the harder we must labour.

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SOUTH Korea's World Cup squad were pelted with toffees after arriving home empty-handed from the World Cup. Over there, hurling high-calorie, sugar-filled treats at someone is regarded as a great insult. Over here, it's a friendly greeting. More Quality Street, gran?

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"PEOPLE like me pay tax to finance an unneeded benefit to people like me." Roger Bootle, managing director of Capital Economics, writing this week about the winter-fuel payment and the "frightful mess" of our welfare system.

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ELTON John says Jesus would have approved of gay marriage. Strange that He never mentioned it.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Thief hid in store before stealing gems

A BRAZEN thief hid in shops to wait until they were closed – and then ransacked them to steal hauls which included £10,000 of jewellery.

Barry Boyden even used a wheelbarrow he stole to carry the loot out with him after hiding in Wickes overnight. The 45-year-old also hid in Argos in Wolverhampton.

He avoided a prison term after a judge took an 'extraordinary' course of action to spare him. Boyden, of Grafton Court, off Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, was found guilty of stealing the jewellery from Argos in December 2012, as well as using the same trick to steal six drills from Wickes in West Street, Dunstall Hill in the same month.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that, in the 18 months since the offences took place, Boyden had turned his life around, and was now living a drug free life.

Mr Adrian Redford, prosecuting, said: "When the staff locked up at Wickes he revealed himself and stole six Mikita drills worth £109.99 each. He used wheelbarrows to carry the drills. At an Argos store in Wolverhampton after operating hours he stole just over £10,000 worth of jewellery."

He said Boyden had a lengthy record, including 145 previous offences. But Mr Jas Mann, for Boyden, said he had turned his life around, as detailed in an 'extraordinary' pre-sentence report.

Judge Wait sentenced Boyden to 16 months for both offences to run concurrently, but said he would suspend the sentence. Boyden was also given a two-year probation order.

Health care changes after inmate, 29, dies

A SERIES of changes have been made by a Featherstone prison when responding to health care emergencies after an inmate collapsed and later died.

Adam Williams, 29, collapsed while exercising at HMP Featherstone, near Wolverhampton, and died a day later at New Cross Hospital on March 6, 2013, Cannock Coroner's Court heard.

A post mortem revealed he had suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage, bleeding in the area between the brain and the thin tissues that cover the brain, due to a ruptured blood vessel.

Pathologist Dr Alexander Kolar said there were also signs of a genetic condition.

Concerns

The inquest heard that the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales made recommendations to the prison after it was found there had been a delay in calling for an ambulance, although it was accepted this did not directly lead to his death.

Rob Del Greco, senior investigator for the organisation, said one recommendation was that staff should be aware of their responsibilities during medical emergencies, including communicating efficiently, bringing relevant emergency equipment and calling an ambulance automatically when an emergency arises.

Another recommendation was made that the risk assessments for escorts to hospital fully take into account the medical condition of the prisoner and should be reviewed after an emergency admission.

By Lisa O'Brien

It followed concerns that Mr Williams was in left in restraints for around two hours after leaving prison.

Similar suggestions will be made to the prison in a report by Coroner Andrew Haigh, including whether there can be better communication by radio and if CCTV would be beneficial in common areas of the prison.

The inquest was told that another inmate had seen Mr Williams collapse and prison officers responded after hearing an alarm and 'code blue' message over the radio.

Prison officer Peter Docherty said he had been told that Mr Williams had suffered a fit. Prison nurse Jennifer O'Connornoticed his consciousness falling and asked an officer to call an ambulance.

Man's death an accident

AN elderly man died from a bleed on the brain after a fall in a street in Willenhall, an inquest heard.

Stanley Bennett, aged 83, had a 2cm laceration to the back of his head after suffering a fall in Lichfield Road an inquest held at Smethwick Council House heard.

Mr Bennett, of Broad Lane North, Willenhall, later died on April 19 at New Cross Hospital.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain, who ruled the retired company director had died as a result of an accident, said: "It's disappointing there doesn't seem to be anyone that saw what happened."

On board with message

Amanda Griss - raising awareness of health condition

A SURFER has paddled a mile on her board to raise awareness of the condition that has stopped her doing her hobby.

Amanda Griss, from Wombourne, suffers from hypermobility, and took part in the national Do A Mile event on her surfboard, which she hasn't been on in three years.

The former keen surfer saw her ability to do her hobby ended after she was diagnosed with Ehlers - Danlos Syndrome (EDS) type three in September 2012.

And as part of a number of month-long events to raise awareness of the syndrome, she got back on her board to get involved. She completed her mile at Wombourne Leisure Centre, where she did 64 lengths of the pool across two days.

The 37-year-old said: "I'm so proud that I could do it and raise some awareness. I've already had someone in Wombourne mention to me that her daughter has the same thing as me, and it cheered her up that there is someone else who has the same problems."

Cute Cafe is granted licence to sell booze

AN application for a cafe to sell alcohol and open until after midnight has been granted after the owner agreed to scale the time back to 11.30pm.

Businessman Richard Leo said he had been naive to put in the application to serve alcohol until 12.30am at the Cute Coffee Lounge, School Road, Tettenhall Wood. Alcohol would only be served with a meal.

The later opening would have been in force on Fridays and Saturdays, but Mr Leo said they would realistically never open later than 8pm.

Some residents had expressed concerns over the application, which they believed may lead to increased anti-social behaviour in the area.

But their concerns were calmed after Mr Leo spoke to Wolverhampton City Council's licensing sub-committee. He said: "I was probably a little naive in going for a lot more than I needed in the original application.

"Our opening hours are until 5pm, but the application was for if we decided to stay open a little longer, until maybe 7pm or 8pm.

"We have an agreement with the landlord that we can only open until 8pm so we wouldn't open later ."

Healthy eating tips on menu

OLDER people will be given a 'free lunch' when they get the chance to learn how to eat well.

Age UK and South Staffordshire Council have teamed up to host a series of Summer Strawberry Get Togethers.

The themed lunch will give people the chance to explore healthy lunch and meal ideas. People aged 65 and over will be able to get together for lunch, see how they can use local produce, and talk about what they like and dislike.

For details call 01902 696530 or 01785 788496.

Hose ban unlikely

A HOSEPIPE ban is unlikely this summer, water bosses have said.

Reports suggest June was one of the warmest since records began in 1910 and are set to be higher than average in July but Severn Trent Water has insisted resources are fine.

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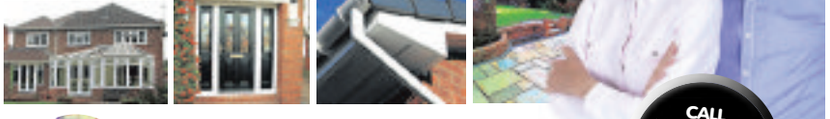

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Refusal of caravan site is welcomed

THE refusal of controversial plans to turn a back garden into an official campsite for caravans has been welcomed following a campaign by councillors and residents.

Bill Watton had applied to the Camping and Caravanning Club to set up the certified campsite at the back of his house in Long Lane, Essington.

The long-running campaign had previously seen a planning application for three caravans, containing two gipsy households, suffer the same fate by planning chiefs who rejected the proposals.

Chairman of Essington Parish Council David Clifft said had the organisation agreed the application it could have 'opened the floodgates' for similar bids.

Mr Watton had applied for an official campsite which can take up to five caravans or motorhomes and 10 tents. The new proposal had reignited a battle with angry residents who had fought against the original planning applications for gipsy caravans.

The impact on green belt land and increased traffic problems are among the reasons cited by those who oppose the plans.

A community meeting had been called for Monday night at Wyrley Junior Football & Community Room between residents and Councillor Clifft. But Councillor Clifft has cancelled the meeting following the Camping and Caravanning Club ruling.

He said: ""I am very pleased the club have taken this action so swiftly after our campaign to stop this loophole for gipsy residential sites to be allowed after being refused planning permission by local authorities.

"I got a telephone call on Friday from the caravan club saying they had refused the application in light of publicity.

"I think had the caravan club had accepted the application it would have opened the floodgates for other applications to be accepted this way.

"It is fortunate that the parish council and other residents were on the ball and were able to see this application otherwise it could have gone under the radar. There doesn't seem to be fair share of sites spread across the district they tend to be in the north of the district and we have four in Essington. It's a continuous battle."

Councillor Clifft had sent out 200 letters to residents living near the proposed site informing them of Mr Watton's fresh plans. South Staffordshire District Council's Regulatory Committee voted unanimously to throw out Mr Watton's plans last August.

Help our brave little boy Louie, 5, be able to walk

By Becky Woods

"HIS smile gets us through the day, if it wasn't for him I think we would all be depressed. He is so brave."

These are the words of a Wolverhampton mother who is trying to raise £60,000 so her precious five-year-old little son can receive life-changing treatment in the United States.

Louie Pumphrey was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of one and is unable to walk.

He has to make regular visits to Birmingham's Children's Hospital for operations on his legs and muscles.

But his family are trying to raise the five-figure sum so the youngster can have an operation in St Louis, Missouri, that could allow him to walk.

His mother Leanne, 32, from Penn, said any parent would do all they could to ease their child's pain but says behind his disability is a brave and happy youngster with a beaming smile.

Checked

She said: "When he was about six months old we realised something wasn't quite right because he wasn't sitting up. People were saying to me and my husband 'he's a boy, they're lazy, don't worry'.

"But a month later the doctor checked him over and said that he could have cerebral palsy but couldn't be sure until he had a MIR scan which he had to wait until he was one to have."

Leanne and her partner Matt, 38, had their worst fears confirmed in January 2010.

Already with a son Max, aged eight, she had to give up her job to provide 24-hour care for Louie.

"It was hard work," said Leanne. "Max was growing up and I was taking care of Louie which was getting increasingly difficult the older he got.

"Looking back I think 'how did we get through it?'.

"Me and Matt were looking at operations Louie could have and while the treatment is available in this country not enough doctors will perform the surgery.

"Then we heard about Dr T S Park in St Louis. He had performed thousands of surgeries and there was success story after success story."

The surgery would involve an operation of Louie's spine and the nerves that send information to his brain. After completion there would be rehabilitation that could allow Louie to walk with the aid of crutches or a frame.

But for such complex surgery comes a big price and The Pumphreys are having to raise £60,000.

Already regulars at their local pub The Chestnut Tree in Finchfield have organised a cycle ride from John O'Groats to Lands Ends in an effort to raise money.

More recently the family have received the support of The Tree of Hope Charity who will help them try and reach their target.

Leanne said: "Louie is such a funny and entertaining little boy. He has these sayings that just make us all laugh. He loves to sing and entertain. He's brave and he likes to wrestle his brother. He's so determined he's trying to walk, he's trying to stand up but can't.

"But anyone would get frustrated. Not Louie - he just keeps going. His smile gets us through the day, if it wasn't for him I think we would all be depressed, he so brave.

Those wishing to donate can do so by visiting https://www.justgiving.com/louie2008

Leanne and Matt Pumphrey, of Warstones Road, Wolverhampton, with their sons Louie, 5, and Max, 8. They need to raise £60,000 for an operation in America which may help Louie to walk

Dozens hit by library closure

DOZENS of people were turned away from a library in Wolverhampton and a councillor's surgery was cancelled - because staff had no key to get in.

Penn Library was supposed to open at 9am on Saturday but the mix-up meant it was closed until midday, leaving at least 50 people disappointed, Councillor Paul Singh said.

Councillor Paul Singh was due to hold a regular surgery event, where residents can meet him to address any community concerns, at the library on Saturday morning.

But he said he was forced to speak to residents in private in his car because of the gaffe.

"It's been a real shambles," he said.

"Library hours are reduced anyway and this is probably the busiest time of the week.

"There were at least 50 people turned away because the doors were locked.

"I'm not happy with the situation at all."

Councillor Singh said that two members of staff had keys to the library and one of them was on annual leave.

The other was working in Ashmore Park and arrived at midday to open the doors.

Plant's gig is a sell-out

TICKETS for Led Zeppelin legend Robert Plant's Wolverhampton gig have sold out.

The rocker is set to play the Civic Hall on November 21 and around 3,000 fans snapped up tickets. The show is part of a 13-date UK tour where West Bromwich-born Plant, also a president of Wolves, will play the city and be joined by his band The Sensational Shape Shifters.

Jonn Penney, for the Civic Hall, said:"He's coming with world class musicians doing interpretations of Zep songs."

Serving up fair

MORE than 40 applications have already been made for a food market taking place later this year.

Make It Or Bake It will be holding its second market in Tettenhall on September 21.

The first was held in May and was hailed a great success.

NEWS in brief

Cash-cut council now out of Bloom

WOLVERHAMPTON will not be taking part in this year's Britain In Bloom competition as the city council battles to save millions of pounds.

Council chiefs confirmed the city would not take part in the annual nationwide competition, which challenges towns and villages to beautify their surroundings.

The city has bagged four gold medals in the past seven years of the competition. The council needs to make £123m savings.

Warning to firms over TV licence

BUSINESS in the Black Country are being reminded to make sure they have the correct licence if they allow staff to watch sporting events such as Wimbledon.

Sports fans across the region are enjoying a summer of sport, with games being played out on TVs, laptops, tablets and smartphones.

But TV Licensing bosses are reminding people to make sure they have a licence or they could run the risk of a £1,000 fine.

Summer fun for Beacon centre

A CENTRE for the blind is holding its summer extravaganza this weekend.

Festivities at Beacon Centre for the Blind in Sedgley include stalls, tombola, raffle, face painting and children's character Peppa Pig.

Organisers are appealing for volunteers to help run the event on the day.

Anyone interested in helping should call 01902 880111.

Paintings of war at city art gallery

PAINTINGS showing some of the most famous and tragic battlefields of the First World War will go on display in Wolverhampton later this month.

Cradley artist Brian Yale is showing off his work at Wolverhampton Art Gallery in Lichfield Street from July 26.

The exhibition will run until November 29.

Circus to Starr again

A CIRCUS is returning to the city on October 6.

Circus Starr will once again be at West Park and a host of acts will take part.

Circus Starr's nominated charity this year is Acorns Children's Hospice.

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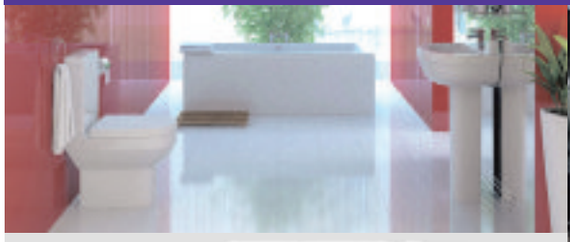

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

JUST returning from a brief spell in Europe, one thing always strikes me is how much better the town centres over there seem to be doing compared to those in this country.

One reason is unquestionably down to the fact that while in this country, local councils seem bent on making people walk as far as possible from their cars to the shops – take for example the ridiculous block paving outside the Express & Star offices in Queen Street, which seems to have at a stroke slashed the number of on-street parking spaces.

But the other thing is that all the shops open in the evening. It has always struck me as quite absurd how nearly all the shops in our town centres open just as everybody arrives at work, and then shut just at the same time as people return. Wouldn't it be a really clever idea for shops to maybe start trading a couple of hours later, say at 11am, and stay open to maybe 9 pm?

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JUST when you thought there was nothing left that Benefits Street star Deirdre 'White Dee' Kelly could do that would surprise you, she has finally decided to tell the world she has been off benefits for the past three months. Wonders will never cease. She has also fired a broadside at fellow celebrity chav Josie Cunningham.

White Dee says Cunningham, the 23-year-old would-be 'glamour model' who bragged about how she got her £4,800 breast enhancement on the NHS to help with her career, is 'rubbing the taxpayers' nose in it' with her incessant gloating about how much she is taking off the State.

It really comes to something when White Dee thinks you are lowering the tone. Meanwhile, it seems Josie has been offered a book deal, where she will no doubt wax lyrical about how her NHS surgery enabled her to embark on a spell as a £1,000-a-night 'escort' before becoming pregnant by a client.

The book will be in Josie's own words and completely unedited. No doubt in a few years' time, it will be appearing on the National Curriculum. In the mean time I'm sure we can all have a lot of fun colouring it in.

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ANOTHER testament to the British education system comes in the shape of 19-year-old Zach Jackson, who found even the task of street robbery too much for his tiny brain to take in.

Because he found the work so gruelling, he compiled a helpful little checklist offering himself a bit of advice on how to complete the work successfully.

"Wear black clothes, gloves, warm up before doing it, watch out for CCTV, grab," were his pearls of wisdom for how to make it as an effective mugger. One tip, Zach. You're much less likely to get caught if you don't write down the instructions.

The beauty of trees at West Park, Wolverhampton

A view of play equipment at Victoria Park, Smethwick

The landscaped gardens at Priory Park, Dudley

Growing concern on future parklife

Cutbacks in funding may hit council budgets for parks, say lottery chiefs. Laura Blyth reports

THEY are considered the jewels in the region's crown but it is feared that scores of parks across the West Midlands may be left to become rundown or even be sold off by councils due to Government cuts.

A new report by the Heritage Lottery Fund has claimed that facilities at sites such as cafes and toilets could have their opening hours cut or closed all together.

Across the country it is claimed that budgets for parks have been slashed by 86 per cent in the past three years and the study also warns that grass could be left uncut, flowerbeds left empty, and play areas cleaned and inspected less often.

Arboretum

The study claims the condition of 36.4 per cent of parks in the West Midlands will decline in the next three years and staffing levels will fall by up to 21 per cent.

Louise Worton, the manager of Walsall Arboretum, said the future of funding for parks was a worry.

She said: "My concern would be if the budget cuts were so extreme we lost front line staff. These cuts are across the board and are affecting parks nationally.

"People take for granted high quality, public accessible spaces and parks. The Arboretum is so unique as it's so close to the town centre.

"We are lucky at the Arboretum as we've seen recent investment.

"But we are struggling for things like maintenance equipment and maintenance funding for things like new trees and plants."

The instantly recognisable lake that is one of Walsall Arboretum's features

Wolverhampton's leisure chief Councillor Elias Mattu was equally concerned. He said: "There seems to be less and less funding around. It's making it difficult to sustain high levels of quality.

"We have 32 parks in Wolverhampton we are very proud of them.

"We have been able to keep them at a good standard up to now. Funding cuts from the Government is making that very difficult." According to the lottery fund report, parks across the West Midlands will have their budgets slashed by 16 per cent in the next three years.

Precious

Dame Jenny Abramsky, chairwoman of Heritage Lottery Fund, said: "This report makes for sobering reading. Parks are highly valued, precious places that are vital to our physical and emotional well-being.

"Following decades of decline, Lottery funding sparked a parks renaissance but that is now at risk. We realise these are financially tough times and that is why we need collaborative action and a fresh approach to halt this threat of decline and stop this cycle of boom and bust.

"Our parks are far too important not to act now."

Campaigners have since called on the Government and local authorities to help protect and improve parks for future generations.

Mark Camley, chairman of newly-formed coalition The Parks Alliance, said: "This timely report provides the evidence to back up the experience of park staff and volunteers on the ground that the parks we know, love and use are close to crisis point.

"The Parks Alliance is keen to work with the Government now to halt the potentially disastrous decline in the green spaces that are at the heart of British life and culture.

"Together with the people that create, maintain and use parks, national and local government has a duty to protect and improve the country's public green spaces for future generations."

Highlights

In addition to calling for continued investment by local authorities, the report also highlights the need for developing new ways of looking after and funding parks. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) said it would continue to monitor and report on the public parks across the UK it has invested in, as well as investing more money in green spaces and in innovative ideas for making parks financially sustainable.

In the past 20 years, parks across the country have benefited from a total of £700million in investment through the Lottery.

An HLF spokesman said: "From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported over 30,000 projects, allocating £4.6billion across the UK."

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THE sudden death of West Midlands police and crime commissioner Bob Jones has left a void that many think cannot be filled – even though the law says they must do so in just over a month.

Were the loss of a public servant respected even by his political opponents not enough, the police have now been left dealing with one of the more absurd parts of the statute that created the post in the first place.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act that gave rise to the 2012 elections of PCCs requires a by-election be held 'not more than 35 days after the relevant event'.

Councillor Darren Cooper, who chairs the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel, found himself in the unenviable position of having to discuss how to replace Mr Jones within four hours of being told of his passing.

There then followed a debate between Government departments over whether '35 days' meant calendar or business days and whether the 'relevant event' (such a cold and clinical term) meant Mr Jones' passing or some formal notification.

If we leave aside the gross insensitivity of a law that requires a vacancy to be filled so quickly, it is also a bureaucratic nightmare.

Campaign

The PCC for the West Midlands covers not fewer than seven council areas. Three of them are cities and one of those is Birmingham, the second biggest in the country.

Then there will be the work for the political parties and candidates, who must select people to stand for them and get all the paperwork through.

There will need to be the time to come up with campaign literature.

Meanwhile the work of the PCC must continue. An interim appointment will be made later this month.

But what happens if the temporary post holder, likely to be deputy PCC Yvonne Mosquito, wants to throw her hat into the ring? Will she be allowed to campaign while technically the incumbent?

All the while, we continue to mourn the loss of Bob Jones CBE, who never believed the role of a PCC should exist in the first place.

In a letter to the Express & Star in 2012 thanking voters and pledging to serve everyone, regardless of how or even if they voted, Mr Jones wrote: "I believe police and crime commissioners are an expensive and unnecessary change, poorly implemented and appallingly publicised."

Were he with us today he would be within his rights to say the chaos following his death had proved him correct. But he'd be too busy quietly getting on with the job for that.

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Show organisers are in hunt for musical talent

Walkers top aid target

The intrepid group, with Richard Powell on the far right

FRIENDS who completed the Three Peaks Challenge are set to smash the fundraising target they set themselves.

Nine walkers from Wolverhampton scaled Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in less than 24 hours over the weekend of June 21 – the longest day – and are poised to break through their £4,000 target for Compton Hospice. One of the team, Richard Powell from Sedgley, said: "It was a fantastic."

He was joined by Robert Atkinson, Darrell Parton, Adam Hall, Richard Swan, Wayne Harrison, Stuart Stanway, Dan Parton, Chris Perrins, Simon Jones and James Purshouse, including a driver and navigator.

ORGANISERS of this year's Wolverhampton and Black Country Show are on the hunt for talented musicians and performers to take to the stage.

They want to hear from musicians keen to play the show's acoustic stage, organised by staff from Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

Adam Lavender, who promotes the city's Battle of the Bands, wants bands and singer-songwriters to get in touch with him on adam@wolvescivic.co.uk

Councillor Elias Mattu, Wolverhampton City Council leisure chief, said: "We want to showcase the diverse range of musical and creative talent in Wolverhampton and the Black Country. Those interested in dancing at the show can visit Signal 107's website for details how to reply.

Attractions

As well as the two performance stages the Wolverhampton and Black Country Show, which takes place on July 12 and 13, will feature the Banks's Beer Festival.

Other attractions include old favourites the Monster Trucks, Gerrard Naprous and the Devil's Horsemen, Bolddog Lings Free Style Motorcross Team and Elaine Hill's sheepdog display, while there will also be a miniature steam railway, fairground rides and a variety of stalls.

Meanwhile, West Park will also be hosting the BBC's prestigious World War One at Home tour over the same weekend.

Actor Larry Lamb will be at the Briefing Room on Saturday, with One Show reporter Lucy Siegle on the Sunday. They will be presenting talks with expert contributors covering a whole host of First World War topics, including record producer and rail buff Pete Waterman who will talk about the history of the railways.

Entry to the Wolverhampton and Black Country Show is £3 for adults and £2 for children (2-16). Entry to the BBC World War One at Home tour is free.

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Why were checks not made on school?

THE sorry saga of Anand Primary School poses several questions. When the school was first promoted, it was anticipated that there would be a two-form entry with 30 pupils in each form, 60 in the year group.

Despite a massive advertising campaign, the school never got beyond 30 pupils; it is now down to 20.

The questions that arise are these. Firstly, the Department for Education poured vast amounts of money into this flagship project. Should they not have established that there was a viable business case first? Secondly, the management board has now been disbanded. Should there not have been checks in place to ensure that they had the right range of skills and expertise from day one?

Thirdly, is there real and substantial enthusiasm amongst Sikh parents in Wolverhampton for a primary school which is effectively based on cultural and ethnic separation of children?

CLLR JOHN ROWLEY
Wolverhampton

Manners need to be improved

BAD driving and bad manners seem to be the case throughout our society.

My wife and I visited New York and everywhere we went we found our hosts welcoming and courteous, whilst walking round Manhattan if anyone walked across you there was an immediate apology...upon our return to the UK even before leaving the arrivals hall, doors were left to slam in front of you and people barged in front.

I believe that the pace we live our lives today both encourages and creates the sometimes ignorant ,and at times, selfish ways we treat each other.

W HARRISON
Wolverhampton

Why make change on GPs?

MY husband and I both being over 75 and have each received a letter from our doctor's practice, naming a different GP who will take 'overall responsibility' for our care, although we are still free to see any doctor of our choice.

There is no indication of what 'overall responsibility' means. If we are not satisfied with the treatment we are receiving, do we then complain to the doctor given 'overall responsibility' or what is his/her purpose?

We are told that 'if we have any questions we can contact the surgery by phone'!

Considering the difficulties patients have at present contacting the surgery by phone, surely the most important issue is to provide adequate staff and phone times to cope with the heavy demand already made on doctors and staff.

I am happy with the treatment I am receiving so why is the government introducing a scheme, which will further confuse elderly patients.

K LEWIS
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Hospitals so good with dad

AS a nation it is said we don't complain enough, and maybe so but as a nation I believe we don't show our appreciation enough at times of importance either.

In May this year my dad was rushed into New Cross Hospital after suffering a bad stroke. He was moved to the stroke unit and stayed for a week while various tests, etc, were carried out while trying to enable his recovery. After that week he was moved to West Park for rehabilitation.

The dedication and work that goes on in these two places alone is fantastic and unfortunately until you visit someone or have to stay there you don't realize just what good work they do.

My dad was just one case, but our gratitude and thanks to all concerned at both places for the hard work and support to both dad and us during his stay.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you all, each and every one of you for everything you did for helping my dad on the road to recovery.

D BUNCE
Bilston

Cost of MPs is a burden

THE increasing cost of keeping the political class at Westminster is becoming a burden to the hard pressed taxpayer in these austere times. Being told we are all in this together, makes a mockery of the situation.

I have yet to see any savings approved by our political elite, in their numbers or expenses so far, as they appear to do exactly as they wish and the recent expense scandal, which has not been addressed, together with their inflation busting pay rise of a further 11 percent, proves the point. This government is still borrowing a staggering £108bn a year to fund their largesse.

Most MPs and their helpers have lucrative second jobs, directorships and paid TV work etc, and do not need additional cash incentives, as the position is only a part-time one. Some have the time to write books for profit.

Do we really need 650 of them, and another 950 peers, cannot savings be made by a reduction in their number, to a more manageable 300 and 350 respectively?

M COOPER
Wolverhampton

BRIDGE CORNER

FIND the lady is the detective story in this week's hand. It's taken from the excellent book Learn Bridge in a Weekend by Jonathan Davis.

No bidding is given in the volume, but the fairly arbitrary sequence to the right gives the flavour. With South's rebid showing 18 or 19 points, North goes to slam and South punts for the lot.

West tables the top-of-sequence jack of hearts and Declarer wins in hand, plays the queen of hearts and notes East's club discard.

Running diamonds reveals that West started with four and East three. It's time then to broach spades, revealing the 4-2 split.

The ace of hearts in Dummy wins trick 11 and then it's all about the queen of clubs. The nine is led from Dummy and East plays a smooth eight. Finesse or drop? Well, East has four spades and has played only three. His last card cannot be the club queen, so up with the king and it duly falls.

Exciting stuff – and it's all out there to discover as Wolverhampton Bridge Club is starting beginners' lessons in September.

The club, now based at Shaw Park off Shaw Road, has been running for more than 60 years and is open six nights and two afternoons a week.

For details on lessons, call Ron Stevenson on 01902 751337 or 07769 602489 or send an email to ron.is@blueyonder.co.uk. Happy bridge playing! – *Tim*

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West: ♠ 76 ♥ J10987 ♦ 10765 ♣ Q4
East: ♠ J1095 ♥ 5 ♦ 932 ♣ 87652
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Scargill was surely there

A T Harrison takes me to task for not believing Arthur Scargill and his miners were not hell-bent on bringing down the Thatcher government.

One point was that some of the decisions were made when Scargill was not present. Are we to believe any decision made by the miners' executive could possibly not have had Scargill's approval?

A T Harrison describes him/herself as having been a union representative and then a lecturer in employment relations.

Was there ever a right-wing union representative or lecturer in employment relations?

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Shortage of hospital staff led to £14m agency bill

HOSPITALS in the West Midlands forked out £14 million on agency staff in a year because of a shortage of nurses and other workers to fill shifts.

Figures show that the bill for agency workers for the five NHS Trusts covering the Black Country and Staffordshire doubled in 2013/2014. It was £6.3m in 2012/13.

Tens of thousands of shifts at hospitals around the region are being filled by agency workers and the latest figures include a nurse who was paid more than £1,400 for a 12-hour shift on a bank holiday, working out to almost £120 per hour.

Bosses blame increasing patient numbers and staff sickness for the soaring spending which saw almost £6million shelled out by one trust alone. The figures have driven MPs and officials across the region to call for action to ensure enough money is being spent on permanent workers.

Economy

Labour's Shadow Health Secretary has blamed the government for the situation in the region.

Andy Burnham MP said: "David Cameron's short-sighted plans are bad for the NHS and bad for our economy.

"He is making experienced nurses redundant only to waste millions on agency staff across the West Midlands."

The Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust was the biggest spender in the Black Country and Staffordshire, paying out £5,828,000 on agency nurses to cover more than 31,000 shifts.

One trust which is cutting the amount of agency staff it uses it the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust that runs New Cross in Wolverhampton. It has used its own 'bank staff' to cover staffing issues since 2005.

It spent just £20,705 on agency staff last year, a reduction of more than £50,000 compared to the £73,983 spent the previous year.

Riders wheely like track

Councillor Elias Mattu visits the BMX track with the directors of Hilton Hall Community Association Debbie Cox, Heather Manser and Keith Jones

BIKE riders of all ages are making good use of a new track which has opened in Wolverhampton.

The 'Pump' track at Hilton Hall Playing Fields in Lanesfield is attracting riders both young and old, novices and the more experienced.

The tracks is geared towards BMX and mountain bikes.

The £80,000 track was built to a similar design to the BMX track at Greenway Playing Fields, Bradley which has also proved popular with local riders.

Keith Jones, of Hilton Hall Community Association, said: "We are delighted with the new track and that it is proving so popular. We have had some really tremendous feedback."

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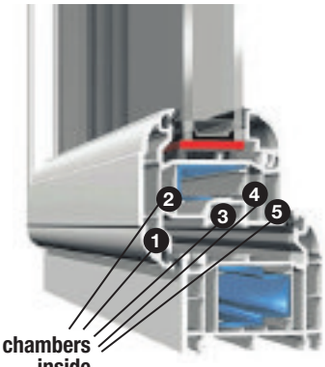

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Hundreds of assaults in prisons revealed

STAFF at five West Midlands prisons were assaulted 278 times in a year, 'appalling' new figures have shown.

HMP Oakwood, the £150m privately-run prison at Wolverhampton, has the third highest assaults figure in the country, with 137 reported in 2013.

Neighbouring Featherstone recorded 16 while Brinsford, which houses young offenders, recorded 59. HMP Birmingham, now run by private firm G4S, recorded 62 assaults on staff and HMP Stafford four.

Overall, assaults are down on 10 years ago apart from at Brinsford, where there were 34 assaults in 2004.

By Dan Wainwright

Concerns

It comes 10 days after allegations were reported that assaults at Featherstone Prison near Wolverhampton were going 'unpunished' and that prisoners were able to get hold of a synthetic cannabis-type drug.

The figures were revealed in response to a Parliamentary question by South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson, who said concerns about Featherstone had also been raised.

Mr Williamson asked what steps the Ministry of Justice was taking to ensure assaults were 'vigorously' investigated and that the perpetrators are appropriately punished.

He was told there was a 'new approach' where the Ministry was working with the police and the Crown Prosecution Service to push for prosecutions when prison staff are attacked. There were 3,148 assaults on prison staff across all UK prisons in 2013.

HMP Oakwood was the third worst prison nationally, after HMP Thameside and HMP Feltham. Mr Williamson said: "Prison staff are required to do an extremely difficult job, in often challenging conditions, and we need to ensure that they are free to carry out their duties without fear of being violently assaulted.

Pete steps up to take the challenge

From left, Pete Khela, Kami Aujla, Tirath Khela, Sarah Williams, and Susan Sunda, Naina Khela (BJ's daughter)

A prolific fundraiser has completed his biggest challenge yet with a 150-mile march from Wolverhampton to the Houses of Parliament.

Pete Khela is the driving force behind a group which has raised more than £130,000 for charity in the space of a year through sponsored walks and cycle rides.

Having recently completed a 96-mile bike ride from Molineux to Anfield as a tribute to the Liverpool fans killed in the Hillsborough disaster, the 41-year-old decided to take a stroll through the heart of England for his latest charity bid.

The walk, which set out from Molineux and took five days to complete, was done in memory of Pete's father Gurmel who died from cancer earlier this year.

The keen Wolves fan started raising funds for charity after his brother Bijay died from a brain tumour in 2009.

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'Honeytrap' blackmail woman loses jail plea

A WOMAN who set up a 'honeytrap' fake rape claim to blackmail a shopkeeper out of £20,000 has had her six-year jail term upheld.

Sushma Rani, aged 48, had consensual sex with a storekeeper, who cannot be named for legal reasons, before two men demanded he handed over cash.

He was threatened that Rani would otherwise cry rape and ruin his life. Rani, of Woden Road in Wolverhampton, was jailed at Teeside Crown Court in February last year after being convicted of conspiracy to blackmail.Her two male co-conspirators, from Wolverhampton, also received six year jail terms. Rani made an appeal against the length of her sentence.

Stigma

The Criminal Appeal Court in London heard the shopkeeper, from Teeside, was a widower and had struck up a friendship with Rani during 2011 and, in early 2012, the pair had consensual sexual relations. But soon after, two men visited him in his shop and said he would be accused of rape unless he paid £20,000 to buy their silence.

Rani had denied being part of the blackmail plot but was convicted by a jury after a trial. It was argued during the appeal hearing that the sentencing judge went 'over the top' and imposed too tough a punishment.

Her lawyers claimed there were no threats of violence, use of force and the judge did not give enough weight to her mitigation.

But Rani's complaint was thrown out. Mrs Justice Laing said: "The accusation of rape created a stigma and suspicion which was difficult to remove. Rani and her co-accused set up a honey trap. Sexual intercourse was deliberately staged as a means of extracting money. The offending had a profound effect on the victim."

"Rani's application for permission to appeal against conviction was also refused.

Fly-tipper caught on CCTV

This was the pile of rubbish fly-tipped by Keith Wayne Thomas

A builder has been fined £1,000 after being caught fly-tipping on CCTV.

Keith Wayne Thomas dumped two sofas and a mound of other household items outside a factory in Wolverhampton, a court heard.

But he was caught on camera making two trips to dump the rubbish.

Thomas, of Leigh Road, Walsall, appeared at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court on July 1 where the court heard he dumped the items outside Eurotech Engineering in Oxford Street, Bilston, on December 3 last year.

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Top music role for Uni governor

THE chair of governors at the University of Wolverhampton has been appointed as a top chief of a leading music exam board.

Michael Elliott has been announced as the next chief executive of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM).

He is currently the chief executive of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. He will take up his new role in January 2015.

Mr Elliott said: "I'm delighted to have been appointed as chief executive of ABRSM. It's a world-class organisation and I look forward to leading it in its next phase of development."

Vice-chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton, Prof Geoff Layer, said: "We'd like to congratulate Michael on this exciting new role at the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. We wish him every success."

Michael Elliott has been the university's chair of the board of governors since 2010.

New campaign after rise in child sex abuse cases

THERE were 225 cases of child sexual exploitation in the West Midlands in a year and the number is growing, it has been revealed, as a campaign is launched to save youngsters from abuse.

Councils and police have banded together to set up the 'See Me, Hear Me' campaign to encourage people to spot the warning signs of abuse in a child's behaviour.

A website has been launched which contains information about the 'hidden crime' of child sex exploitation (CSE). Information packs aimed at parents, schools and the children and young people are being offered as well as guidance for people who work in hotels, leisure centres and taxi companies.

Dudley, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Walsall, Coventry, Birmingham and Solihull councils are all involved along with West Midlands Police.

There were 82 cases of CSE in Birmingham in 2013/14, 34 in Sandwell, 29 in Dudley, 29 in Walsall, 20 in Wolverhampton, 15 in Solihull and 16 in Coventry. But the numbers are increasing.

Hidden

Since April 2014 alone there have been 65 more cases in Birmingham, 21 in Wolverhampton, nine in Dudley, four in Sandwell, three in Walsall, 15 in Coventry and five in Solihull.

The rise has been put down to the work of a specialist team which has been identifying cases that would previously have been recorded differently, such as a child reported missing from home with concerns that he or she may be sexually exploited.

Stephen Rimmer, West Midlands lead for tackling CSE, said: "Child sexual exploitation has been a hidden crime for far too long. The perpetrators deliberately target some of our most vulnerable children, whether online or in public places, and believe they will not be caught. This has to end now.

"For the first time, all of the agencies with responsibility for tackling this abuse across the West Midlands are working to common standards of reporting and investigation. Anyone concerned can call West Midlands Police on 101 or in confidence to Barnardo's on 0121 3595333.

Lucky escape for crash pilot

A PILOT had a lucky escape after his plane crashed when landing at an airport near Wolverhampton.

The Piper PA-28 Cherokee was coming into land at Halfpenny Green Airport, near Bobbington, when its front wheel collapsed causing it to skid along the runway.

The plane was being flown by a male pilot and there were no passengers on board at the time of the crash.

Fire crews based at the airport were scrambled to the plane and sprayed it with foam to prevent any fire starting. Airport officials say that the pilot was uninjured but were unable to reveal where the plane was flying from.

Alastair Mackinnon , the operational manager at the airport, said the plane went in to land and as it has did the front wheel collapsed.

Artwork unveiled at new £60m superstore

A new metal sculpture in place at the new Sainsbury's store in Wolverhampton which is lights up at night

IT measures eight metres tall and weighs two tonnes.

This stainless steel artwork has today been unveiled at Wolverhampton's new £60 million Sainsbury's superstore.

It comes ahead of the official store opening on Wednesday at 9am.

Excitement is mounting ahead of next week's launch, with bosses whetting the appetite today by taking the wraps off the public artwork which is at the heart of the Raglan Street site.

It has been called Out of Darkness Cometh Light - the city's motto- and has been created by Pelsall based artists Planet Art.

Paul Percox, manager of the new store, said: "We are delighted with this fantastic piece of artwork which will really help put our new store, and the wider development, on the map."

Artist Julie Edwards, of Planet Art, said: "This is such an exciting development for Wolverhampton and we are very proud to be involved.

"Being local people, it was of the upmost importance to

Two men admit cocaine charges

TWO Wolverhampton men have admitted being involved in supplying quantities of crack cocaine and heroin.

Jermaine Adam Saa, 23, and 24-year-old Jemyle Colin Williams, 24, pleaded guilty to five joint charges of supplying drugs on dates in April and May last year.

Williams from Farndale Avenue, Whitmore Reans admitted two further offences of possessing crack cocaine and heroin with intent to supply in May this year.

Saa, of Marksbury Close, Dunstall further admitted supplying heroin or crack cocaine on five different occasions last April. He also admitted producing cannabis, but denied a charge of being in possession of criminal property - £6,500 in cash allegedly recovered by police from his home.

They appeared with four men and two women at Birmingham Crown Court, after raids in Telford and Wolverhampton in May. The case was adjourned and they were remanded in custody until October.

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Molineux gardens in 1866 with the pavilion behind the house

Molineux Hotel when the Ring Road was being built

Molineux Hotel pictured back in the 1940s

Molineux borne out of 'Rotton' beginnings

An aerial view of Molineux in the 1950s

MEMORY LANE
By Alec Brew

IN 1720 a man named John Rotton decided to build himself a house. We do not know who Mr Rotton was, but he may well have been a prominent bucklemaker, which was an important trade in Wolverhampton.

If the contractor he chose gathered his men by the Town Hall at the top of High Green (now Queen Square), which seems a likely spot they would have walked down High Green and turned right at the bottom into Tup Street (now North Street).

They would have passed the Red Lion and three Prebend houses, and Giffard House to a piece of land of about eight acres at the top of Wadhams Hill.

Mr Rotton had them line up his new house facing St Peter's Church, but at the rear there was a fine view over open countryside, stretching to Tettenhall ridge, with Chillington Hall visible 10 miles away.

John Rotton only lived in his new house for about 20 years, because he died in 1743 and because he died owing a local ironmaster named John Molineux £700, his widow came to an agreement handing over the house in payment.

Impressed

John Molineux was so impressed with the house that he decided to make it the family's main residence, and it was greatly extended, with formal gardens stretching down the hill.

As time went on Wolverhampton expanded, Waterloo Road was cut across the hill and new housing built, and as the 19th Century progressed, a whole new suburb, Newhampton, was built, and instead of a fine view across open countryside, Molineux House looked out on ranks of smoky rooftops.

In 1860 the Molineux family sold the house and by 1870 it had been turned into a hotel, with its gardens becoming Wolverhampton's first public park, albeit with an entry fee.

To bring in the crowds various sporting activities were promoted, and cycle races in particular drew in crowds of up to 20,000 people.

Across town a football team borne out of St Luke's church was drawing large crowds at its Dudley Road ground, and was looking for a bigger stadium.

A deal was struck, the lake in Molineux Gardens was filled in, and a football pitch and stands were constructed and Wolverhampton Wanderers began its long relationship with the ground which still retains the name Molineux.

How fortunate that the name of the original owner of the house did not adhere to the property, because it would now be Rotton House and Rotton Stadium.

The bowling greens at the back of Molineux

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Corrie writer finds business lunch is right up his street

A CORONATION Street writer was the guest speaker at a business club meeting in the Black Country.

Chris Fewtrell, who has been writing for the legendary soap for a decade, visited the Bilash Professional Lunch Club last week.

Mr Fewtrell has written for some of the biggest name in British television, including The Bill and Byker Grove, as well as the longest running soap in the world, Coronation Street.

The business club has been running for a year but Mr Fewtrell was the first in a number of high-profile speakers lined up to speak at the restaurant. Also present was Handelsbanken head of corporate banking Deromtt Kelly.

Mohammed Khan, who hosts the club at his Bilash restaurant once a month, said: "We have been running for about a year now but wanted to get a few more speakers in to talk to the business owners, Chris being one of them.

"We also have local MP Pat McFadden lined up for next month.

"Chris's talk was absolutely fantastic and very interesting. To hear him talk about how he got into writing for Coronation Street was very good.

Applicants

Mr Khan said: "It's great for the business leaders to come here once a month on an afternoon and not necessarily have to listen to the usual business things. We have around 70 applicants each time we do it but we have to cap it to 40."

Mr Fewtrell has written more than 180 episodes for Coronation Street, and a spin-off DVD Coronation Street: Romanian Holiday.

Owner and chef Sitab Khan welcomes banking chief Deromtt Kelly and guest speaker Coronation Street writer Chris Fretwell into the Bilash kitchen

Excellence award for farm attraction

A POPULAR attraction in Wolverhampton has been praised by online travel guide Trip Advisor.

Northycote Farm in Wolverhampton has been given a Trip Advisor certificate of excellence award. It follows in the footsteps of fellow city sites West Park and Bantock House Museum.

The award is given out to places which consistently achieve outstanding traveller reviews online and must meet certain criteria to achieve it.

Wolverhampton's leisure boss Councillor Elias Mattu said: "I'm really pleased that Northycote Farm has received this accolade from TripAdvisor. Northycote is a fantastic, year-round attraction for all the family, and it is clearly well-loved by visitors young and old.

"Northycote, West Park and Bantock House Museum have all now received the Certificate of Excellence award, which is a fantastic endorsement of the quality of our local attractions."

Northycote Farm, in Underhill Lane, is more than 400 years old and has livestock including black turkeys, geese, chickens ducks, sheep, cows and pigs.

Mother in revenge attack on her ex-lover

A SPURNED woman took revenge when she suspected her former lesbian lover had found a new partner, a court heard.

Lucy Russell, a 25-year-old business studies student, smashed her way into the home of the woman and attacked her with a mug, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

When that shattered she continued the attack with its jagged handle, gouging wounds to the ear, left arm and right thigh of the victim who will be permanently scarred as a result, Mr Gary Cook, prosecuting, told the court.

by John Scott

The violence only halted when police, alerted earlier by the victim, burst into the house in Melbury Close, Merridale, and pulled Russell off the 21-year-old who thought she was going to be killed, it was said.

Shouting

Mr Cook said: "The woman had been woken by a banging noise from outside where she saw the defendant shouting and waiting to be let into the house. She rang the police but before they arrived there was a loud crashing noise.

"The woman went downstairs and found Russell in her kitchen where a window had been broken.

"The defendant picked up a mug from the table and struck her former partner a number of times with it until it broke. She continued with the broken handle, pulling it down the skin of the victim."

The victim said in a statement to police: "I have to take sleeping pills and am worried all the time that she is going to come back to my house. I thought she was going to kill me and am frightened she will come back to finish the job."

Miss Kate Thomas, defending, explained: "Miss Russell had been in a volatile relationship with the other woman and suspected that her former partner was being unfaithful.

"She relies on those with whom she has a relationship to raise her low self esteem and when she perceives that the person has breached her trust she simply cannot deal with it.

"She is an exceptionally bright woman but a well of anger bubbles below the surface and she struggles to cope with it. This was an horrendous offence that caused very serious injuries."

Mother-of-three Russell, from Lime Street, Penn Fields, has several previous convictions for offences including robbery and wounding. She admitted wounding with intent and was jailed for four years with a five-year extended licence.

Air scouts unit funds new war memorial

A NEW memorial will take pride of place at an event to commemorate the Battle of Britain thanks to the fundraising efforts of a scout group.

Halfpenny Green Air Scout Group raised around £350 to contribute towards the construction of the tribute, which has been erected at the entrance to Halfpenny Green Airport, near Wolverhampton.

The piece was produced by Wombourne Funeral Services & Memorials on Bridgnorth Road who also provided a proportion of the funding.

It is set to take centre stage at the group's upcoming Battle of Britain Memorial Service which takes place at the airport at 10.30am on September 14.

Group scout leader Karl Owen said: "I would like to thank Wombourne Memorials for providing such a beautiful, fitting tribute, and Halfpenny Green Airport for allowing us to station the memorial in the airport entrance."

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Red-E, steady, go and Goldie back in picture

THE spirit of one of Wolverhampton's favourite sons is being rekindled as street artists return to Heath Town.

It is the first time since Goldie showed his talent with a spray can 30 years ago before becoming a multi talented world-wide star.

And the man giving the area the area a multi-coloured brush up with the backing of the city council is one of his former prodigies.

Lee Smith, now a youth worker area manager, grew up in Heath Town and worked alongside Goldie and another renowned local figure Temper, aka Arron Bird, in the mid-80s

And a welcome to Heath Town

Red-E (Lee) and a mural to Goldie

Some of his work – Lee grew up in Heath Town

Mentor

The 42-year-old who lives in Pendeford and paints under the name of Red-E has already created an 8ft by 30ft image of his mentor on boarding surrounding a derelict site in Tremont Street.

He said: "It is great to be back on these streets. I used to follow Goldie around and learned a lot from him.

"His work was really cutting edge in the 1980s and he more or less had the run of the Heath Town estate. He was well respected but people tended to tolerate street art and call it graffiti in those days.

"I started doing art work in youth clubs, doing murals and delivering workshops.

That led to me becoming a professional youth worker but I never lost my love of street art."

The father of two continued: "Street art is now widely accepted and is in the mainstream thanks to people like Goldie and Banksy who have brought it to the public's attention. There is a real wow factor to it.

"The council are fully behind this. They want the painting to have a Heath Town theme with as many local people as possible getting involved in the project. A painting takes three days to complete in Heath Town that would take a day anywhere else because people keep coming up to talk to you.

"I am delighted because it has stimulated a lot of interest."

He explained that the painting that featured Goldie symbolised the death of graffiti art in Heath Town when his mentor left and its recent resurrection with the green light from the local authority allowing its return to the area.

Lee confessed: "I have to admit it was quite emotional to return to the area where I grew up and work on a painting of someone who I looked up to."

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FOCUS ON CODSALL

Help, call on ideas for festive fair

THE country may be enjoying some summery weather, but one parish council is already looking towards Christmas.

Codsall Parish Council is spearheading a community initiative to turn its traditional Christmas carol concert into a full blown Christmas fair.

The idea is to create a working group made up of councillors, residents and village businesses to study the project and come up with different ideas for activities during the festive day.

Involved

Councillor Lewis Stovin, who is behind the project, said: "We need a group of supporters from all sections of the community if we are to make this project work.

"This is a community project, not a parish council project, and we want as many people involved as possible.

"Once we have agreed to go ahead, we will be looking to each member of the group to take responsibility for a part of the project so that when the time comes, it will all come together as a great community event."

Anyone interested in joining the working group should contact Councillor Stovin through the Codsall Parish Council office at 01902 842426.

Fears over cuts to hours for the village libraries

OPENING hours at libraries – including Codsall – could be cut as part of a wider review of services, it is feared.

Staffordshire County Council will this week launch a consultation on handing over control of 24 smaller libraries to volunteers in a move which will save £1.3m.

The 12-week consultation will take place after a bid to derail the proposals by opposition Labour councillors failed at a meeting where bosses could have decided to scrutinise the move further.

By Rob Golledge

But the man in charge of the review has left open the possibility that opening hours at larger sites could be affected,

When asked if the remaining 19 bigger libraries - including ones in Codsall, Cannock, Rugeley, Perton, Wombourne, Eccleshall, Stafford, Stone and Lichfield, could see reduced hours, councillor Lawrence told the council's corporate review committee: "We just don't know at the moment."

Groups

The consultation is looking at whether community groups could take over libraries in Brereton, Heath Hayes, Hednesford, Norton Canes, Brewood and Cheslyn Hay. Others are Great Wyrley, Kinver, Penkridge, Baswich, Gnosall, Holmcroft and Rising Brook.

While not currently under review, the future of mobile libraries could potentially be looked at after the results from the consultation, councillor Lawrence said.

The full impact on library staff has not yet been revealed at this stage but the council has confirmed there will be redundancies if the proposals go ahead.

And councillor Lawrence was forced to admit the authority did not know how many volunteers it needed to find to run the libraries it hopes to hand over to communities.

He said the proposals were 'not about closing libraries' but making them 'relevant'.

He said: "Nowhere here does it say we are going to close libraries. That would be the easy thing to do.

"Libraries have changed considerably in the last decade as technology and society have changed and this is about finding the best way to provide a service that is valued and used by more people, copes with changing demand, and is one that we can afford."

The service currently has 388 members of staff, whose hours are equivalent to 225 full timePeople can respond to the consultation by going to their library or at www.staffordshire.gov.uk.

An artist's impression of how the site will look

Glimpse of scheme for crematorium

THIS is what a controversial new crematorium planned for green belt land in Staffordshire will look like when it is built.

Bosses behind the scheme have released this artist's impression of the crematorium earmarked for land on the border of Essington and Bloxwich but there have been calls for it to be instead located in the Codsall area.

Fears

The plans were first laid out on the table more than 12 months ago. But bosses at Westerleigh Group, who are behind the plans, say they will allay any public fears at an event they are holding at Essington Community Centre.

Councillor David Clifft, chairman of Essington Parish Council, said: "People just don't want it. It backs onto the Mossley Estate and people there are up in arms.

"This is in the wrong location to serve the people of South Staffordshire. It should be located somewhere more central like Codsall."

Closure of village road after smash

A CAR and a lorry collided forcing the closure of a Codsall road.

A driver in his 80s was treated by paramedics following the smash on Friday.

Police, firefighters and paramedics were all called to Duck Lane in Codsall.The driver of the car, a silver Ford Fiesta, was checked over at the scene by paramedics but was not taken to hospital.

Station

The lorry driver was not injured in the smash, which happened close to the village fire station.

Sarah Davison, spokesperson for Staffordshire Police, said emergency services were called at 10.30am. Firefighters from Tettenhall and Wolverhampton attended.

The road was closed while the scene was cleared.

Parliament day for pupils

SCHOOL pupils got the chance to tour the Houses of Parliament.

Youngsters from Codsall Middle School visited London thanks to South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson.

He showed the students through Westminster Hall and the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft and they also watched a debate.

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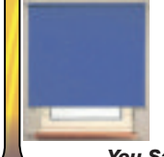
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New £1,100 bus for Wolverhampton

Penn Hall School head teacher Dave Parry, right, receives the land train from Rotary Club of Wolverhampton St George's president David Cross and president elect Margaret Clewley.

A SCHOOL has been given a new bus to transport pupils around the grounds.

Penn Hall School in Vicarage Road, Penn, Wolverhampton was given the so-called 'Turtle Bus' by the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton St George's.

In total £1,100 was raised to buy the equipment which can seat six people at a time. It was presented to the school as it held its 1970s themed Summer Fete which also coincided with the school's 40th anniversary.

President of the rotary club David Cross said a golf day was held at Penn Golf Club where they raised more than £1,000.

Rise in dog attacks on posties

MORE than 100 postmen and women were attacked by dogs in the West Midlands and Staffordshire last year, it has been revealed.

The figures, released by Royal Mail, shows an increase in all five postcodes in the region.

Almost 80 attacks were logged by postmen and women between April 2013 and 2014, including 39 in the B postcode area.

Wolverhampton saw seven attacks, while the figure rose to 19 in Dudley.

Walsall was the only area that saw a decrease compared to the previous year, dropping to 13 from 14.

And in Staffordshire, where figures include Stafford and South Staffordshire, as well as Stoke, the number of attacks drastically rose to 45 from 19 the previous year.

There are an increased number of attacks during the summer holidays, when parents and children are at home and dogs are left off their leads to play.

Karen English, delivery director at Royal Mail, said: "Our first priority as an employer is to ensure the welfare and safety of our people who provide a valuable service to our customers. We appeal to dog owners in the Midlands to keep their pets under control."

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Homes being sold for less than five years ago

HOUSE prices in parts of the West Midlands are lower now than at the worst point in the recession, despite a national upturn in the market.

Fears of a two-tier recovery have been raised as houses in areas like Bilston were shown to have dropped eight per cent in value since 2009 while a home in affluent Solihull has shot up 16 per cent.

It ranks 57th in the country out of 295 areas for price changes.A home in Stafford is also worth on average £85 per square metre more now than during the recession, a rise of eight per cent.

Shortage

Areas like Wolverhampton and Walsall have seen a little change since 2009 but a sudden increase in the past year. Yet homes in Stourbridge, Kidderminster, Dudley, Willenhall and Cannock are all being sold for less now than five years ago.

According to figures released by Halifax a single square metre of property in London's Lambeth borough is worth £1,928 more than it was in 2009. But in Cannock the value has dropped £110, or seven per cent.

In Bilston an average home will change hands for £107,008, compared with £268,042 in Solihull.

Shadow housing minister Emma Reynolds, MP for Wolverhampton North East, said: "The government claims the housing recovery is on track but the governor of the Bank of England says the biggest threat to the recovery is the housing market because of a shortage.

"In many parts of the West Midlands house prices have not recovered to pre-recession levels while in London and the south east they are way above.

"There are hugely different markets and that's really worrying for people who bought their homes prior to 2009 in areas where the market has not recovered."

Tom tees up hospice cash

Tom Hewitt, from South Staffordshire Golf Club, Ellie Bridgwood, from Stratstone, and Tanya Fellows, from Acorns, celebrate event

A KEEN Compton golfer has raised £948 for a children's hospice. Tom Hewitt organised a charity golf day at South Staffordshire Golf Club in Tettenhall with 138 members taking part.

Proceeds have gone to Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall, which needs £8 million a year to support families.

Mr Hewitt, who is aged 68, was persuaded to raise money for the hospice after visiting the facility.

He said: "Before I started my captaincy I had a look at local charities helping children. It broke my heart to visit some of the children that don't have a long life expectancy with many of them not surviving past 25 years old."

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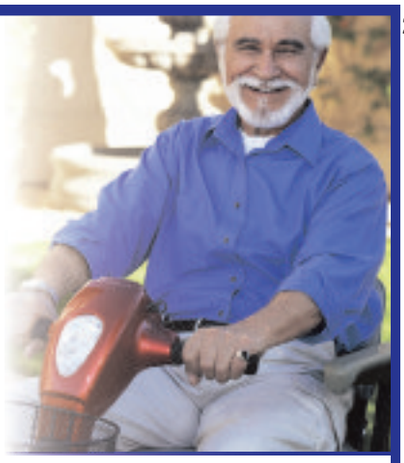

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One in three pull 'sickie' in West Midlands

ONE in three workers in the West Midlands admits to having pulled a 'sickie' – according to new research.

The study found that sick days are costing organisations in the UK more than £23 billion a year, but a large proportion of the sick bill could be preventable. People lying or exaggerating to take time off work accounts for around £9bn of the total bill.

By Simon Penfold

In its survey of more than 2,000 UK adults, accountants PwC found that in the West Midlands the most popular reasons for why people pulled a 'sickie' were hangovers (38pc), family responsibilities (36pc), job interviews (28pc), being bored with their job (20pc), and special events such as weddings or christenings (15pc).

More than one in 10 (13pc) people said they have lied to take time off work to watch a sporting event.

Illness is by far the most common excuse but the research reveals that some workers go to highly creative lengths to cover up why they are taking illicit time off work.

Some of the more unusual excuses from people in the West Midlands included going to hospital to receive treatment for a sleep disorder, the exhaust fell off their car and the boiler blew up so they couldn't have a shower.

Positive

The UK's overall sickness bill – both genuine and made-up – has fallen to £23bn from £29bn a year ago. But despite the positive trend, UK workers still take seven sick days a year, nearly three times the amount of sick days as their counterparts in Asia Pacific (2.2 days) and nearly double the US (3.8 days).

PwC partner David Wignall, leader of the firm's human resource services team in the West Midlands, said: "Sickies are costing organisations £9bn a year."

Dance student is in a class of her own

Shari Lane, who is in the UK final of Miss International and Miss Intercontinental

A WOLVERHAMPTON University dance student is bidding to become Miss International after qualifying for the UK finals.

Shari Lane, from Penkridge, has been selected to appear in the finals, and has been doing fundraising to raise her profile in the run-up to the event.

She is currently raising money for British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research and Beechwood Cancer Care Trust.

The 20-year-old qualified fitness instructor and personal trainer, who works as a barmaid at the Cross Keys pub in Penkridge, has also been studying dance at University of Wolverhampton for the past year.

Miss Lane said: "I applied about a month ago and heard back about a week later. This is my first pageant and I am excited to have made it to the final."

The final, where she will be competing as Miss Stafford International, is being held at The Palace Hotel in Manchester on July 13.

'Terrible toll' on widow who confronted burglar

A PENSIONER confronted a drug addict after catching him red-handed trying to burgle her home of 40 years, a court heard.

But the raid took a terrible toll on the 75-year-old woman who later told police: "That man has ruined me."

She said of the house in Dunstall Hill, Wolverhampton: "I do not want to be in my home any more." Mr Lal Amarasingh, prosecuting, told Warwick Crown Court: "She has been devastated by this incident which has left her scared not only to leave her home, but to return to it.

"She has taken to leaving her doors open when she is at home so that if someone returns she could escape. Her brother has put bars on her back door and shutters on her window."

Ornament

The widow had been out but came back to find Lee Brain in the property after he had used a garden ornament to smash his way in, the court heard.

He ran off, jumped over a fence and fled but was confronted by the woman after she spotted him walking off towards Stafford Road soon afterwards on the late afternoon of October 17 last year, it was said.

Brain denied being involved and left but was later arrested by police after being spotted acting suspiciously half a mile away in Moorland Avenue, continued Mr Amarasingh who revealed that a police dog then traced the scent of Brain back to the attacked house.

Fragments found on the clothing of the suspect matched glass from windows he had broken to get into the Dunstall Hill address, the court was told.

Mr Colin McCarraher, defending, said Brain was under the influence of cocaine, heroin and alcohol at the time and had 'no clear sense' of what he was doing.

The defendant had no previous convictions for similar crimes. Brain, 33, from Acacia Avenue, Codsall, admitted burglary and was jailed for 11 months.

Mountainous trek pays off

Carlo Matarazzo and friends took part in the three peaks for charity

A CREW of fundraisers are toasting a bumper charity donation after they completed the gruelling challenge of climbing three mountains in 24 hours.

Known as Team Atlantis the 18-strong group made up from across Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire scaled Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon during the National 3 Peaks Challenge.

The group completed the task in 23 hours and 52 minutes, raising £9,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital

Carlo Matarazzo, who brought the group together after he spent time in a children's hospital, said he was proud that six months of training had paid off.

"We set out as a group and we finished off as a group," said the 35-year-old, from Ackleton near Wolverhampton. "There were some tough moments but we got there in the end."

The group is still accepting donations via www.justgiving.com/teamatlantis Alternatively text 70070 with the words EPIC97 £5.

Appeal to business on abuse campaign

BUSINESSES across Staffordshire will be able to sign up to a new programme offering a lifeline to workers who suffer abuse at home.

The scheme is part of ongoing work by Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Ellis, to offer better service and support for victims of domestic abuse.

It is being spearheaded by deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Arnold and will be officially launched in the autumn.

Organisations that sign-up will commit to taking steps to support staff in abusive relationships and make sure victims are aware that help is available.

Signs

Managers will be encouraged to spot tell-tale signs of abuse and give practical and confidential guidance to staff.

Mrs Arnold said: "Domestic abuse has a devastating impact on victims and can affect the whole of their lives, including their work. Victims are likely to suffer in silence for a long time before talking to anyone about what they are going through.

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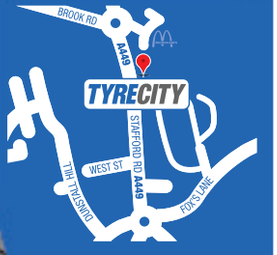

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Future for city university students is just the job

NEW figures show that more graduates than ever from the University of Wolverhampton are getting jobs or going into further education.

The statistics reveal that 94 per cent of students who graduated from the institute in 2013 went on to find a job or go into training/education, a rise of four per cent on the previous year.

The figures come from The Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Survey which is a national audit of everyone who has recently graduated from university or Higher Education college in the UK.

Each year universities, on behalf of the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), contact graduates six months after they have completed their studies to find out their employment status.

Testament

The survey showed 75 per cent from the university were working in graduate level jobs (professional/managerial) earning graduate level salaries – 60 per cent of the university graduates reported earnings of £15-30,000 with 22 per cent earning salaries of between £30-60,000.

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton, Professor Geoff Layer, said: "We are really proud of the achievement and the results are further testament to the fact that more of our students are completing their degrees and graduating and even more on going onto to get jobs.

"For me these results demonstrate that our graduates contribute to the local economy and to economic regeneration, bring skills and knowledge making them attractive to employers, get good jobs that are well paid and show that they are enterprising and innovative by being able to start up new businesses.

"It is vital as a university we play a central part in economic growth, raising skills and aspirations."

Jetting in to celebrate 100

Hilda Aldridge celebrates with some of her relatives

DEVOTED relatives made a 23,000 mile round trip to celebrate the 100th birthday of Hilda Aldridge.

Her daughter Suzanne Griffiths flew to the party from her home in Christchurch, New Zealand.

She was joined by her sons Logan, 35, and Scott, together with the latter's 12-year-old son Mitchell who jetted in from Brisbane where they all live.

Scott, a 39-year-old software engineer, said after that party at the Himley Country Hotel in School Road, Himley that was attended by 40 members of the family and friends: "We all had a wonderful time. Grandma loved it. All the effort was well worthwhile."

Mrs Griffiths added: "Mum always said that laughter was the best medicine and that is still true even at 100 years of age."

Mrs Aldridge, born and brought up in Penn Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, agreed before insisting: "The secret of my long and healthy life is to eat fresh potatoes every day."

She delivered post and also

Helpers DRUM up cash for ex-forces

AN armed forces charity is set to benefit to the tune of £500 thanks to the efforts of a group of military-minded fundraisers.

Wolverhampton-based organisation Dependants and Relatives of Uniformed Military (DRUM) has been raising cash for military charities since its formation nine years ago.

It held a fun day at the Rookery Tavern in Wood Street, Lanesfield, in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA).

Scores of visitors took part in a host of activities, including soak-a-soldier. There was also face painting and lots of other activities for children.

Prizes

There was also a raffle featuring prizes donated by Dudley Zoo, The Grand Theatre and West Midlands Safari Park, and a barbecue and Karaoke disco.

DRUM was set up in Bilston by Dave Wallace and Chalky Whitehouse, both former serving members of the 1st Battalion Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales), and current president Derek Raybould.

On August 25 DRUM will be holding a military-themed fun day at The Olde White Rose Inn on Lichfield Street, Bilston.

For more information e-mail Drum3620@yahoo.co.uk or visit DRUM on Facebook.

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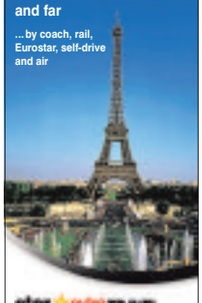

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Robber who terrorised woman shopkeeper jailed

AN armed robber who put a woman shopkeeper through a terrifying knifepoint ordeal has been jailed for five years.

by John Scott

Patrick Forbes threatened to stab Rita Lal at her family newsagents in Wolverhampton and cut her hand before escaping with £40, the city's crown court was told.

The 48-year-old serial criminal walked in to K L News on Birmingham Road near the city centre clutching a kitchen knife around 12.30pm on March 1, a judge heard.

He walked up to Mrs Lal, asked if her husband was in and after being told the man was out replied 'its his lucky day,' revealed prosecutor Mr Gary Cook.

"He lifted the flap of the counter and came in with the knife. The lady was frightened, he grabbed hold of her as she tried to get away and she fell to the ground," said Mr Cook. "He was standing over her with the blade of the knife pointed down towards her and was moving it towards her in a stabbing motion last than a foot away. All she could was scream."

Forbes, who had a string of previous convictions including a knifepoint robbery and possession of a sawn-off shotgun, warned he would cut the wedding ring from her hand if she did not hand it over, the court heard.

Arrested

A customer stepped in and hit the attacker with a broom but was warned that the robber would hurt the victim more unless he backed off, explained Mr Cook.

Forbes escaped with £40 from the till, the £400 wedding band and another gold ring worth around £300 before fleeing, it was said. She suffered a cut to a hand between the thumb and index finger that required four stitches.

He was arrested on March 14 after being picked out in an identity parade by the customer who had hit him with a broom.

Mr Timothy Pole, defending, said: "My client is realistic about his fate and at the end of this sentence he hopes to finally put some foundation down so that the life that lies ahead of him can be more productive than it has been during his carer as a criminal."

Forbes, from Studley Road, in Luton, admitted robbery and possession of a knife and was sent to prison for five years with a five year extended licence by Judge Michael Challinor.

"This was a planned offence during which a weapon was used," said the judge."The physical harm caused was relatively minor but it must have been very frightening for the victim."

'Sniff card' drive to clamp down on drug growers

CANNABIS-SCENTED 'scratch and sniff' cards will be distributed around the West Midlands as a drive to encourage people to report drug growers.

Crimestoppers is repeating the campaign, first trialled last year.

The charity, and police forces, will be distributing the cards to educate the public about the signs of cannabis farming in their neighbourhoods, and in particular the distinctive smell of cannabis.

The charity said criminal gangs often rented flats or suburban houses, bringing with them serious crimes such as gun crime, electricity theft and human trafficking.

Pauline Hadley, Crimestoppers' regional manager for West Midlands and Staffordshire said: "There are mothers and neighbours who know what's going on in their areas and feel they cannot tell anyone.

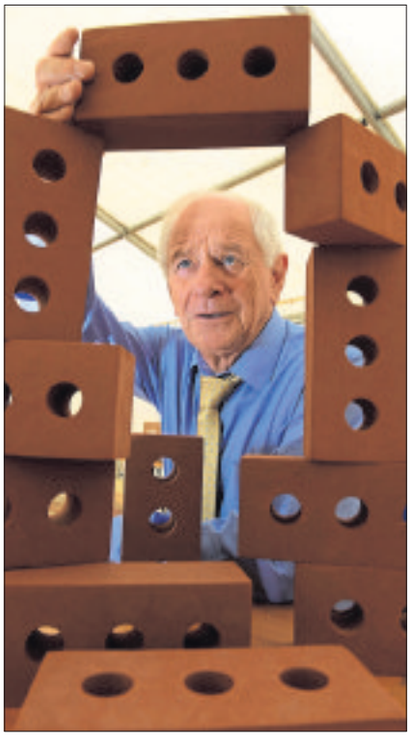
"We are giving people the chance to give information to the charity about serious organised criminals who are making their lives hell.

"They can call us without anyone knowing who they are. Their call is not even recorded anywhere including on their own phone bills."

Crimestoppers said last year's campaign led to a 28 per cent increase in the amount of information received in its first month.

The 'scratch and sniff' cards will not contain any of the active ingredients of cannabis.

Johnny really on the Ball at science day



Johnny Ball who has visited the University of Wolverhampton to talk to schoolchildren about science

TO a certain generation he's one of the most recognisable children's television presenters in television history

And now popular mathematician and science enthusiast Johnny Ball, 76, has been passing on his passion and expertise to a whole new generation.

Ball, a regular and familiar face on TV screens particularly in the 1980s, has been at the University of Wolverhampton as part of a special science week. Youngsters of all ages have soaked up his wisdom via a series of talks for the Scifest week. It culminated with a free family day at the university's city campus.

Ball said it was vital to inspire the next generation of science and maths boffins.

"The older children are easier to get the message across too but I enjoy passing on what knowledge I have," he said. "It's amazing to think that half the jobs these kids will be doing haven't even been invented yet. Technology is constantly changing."

Funding boost for 7,000 nursery schoolchildren

MORE than 7,000 nursery schoolchildren from low income families in Staffordshire and the Black Country are set to benefit following the announcement of a new £50m government fund.

The Early Years Pupil Premium will be aimed at three and four year olds and will be worth around £288 per child.

The announcement came after Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg said increasing the chances of success of children from poorer backgrounds 'has got to be a top priority' for the Government.

Across Staffordshire and the Black Country more than £2 million has been earmarked to help disadvantaged children.

Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire said he welcomed the funding boost.

He said: "It is most important we help disadvantaged youngsters at the earliest possible age.

"This is really positive news and will help schools to give children the very best start in life."

In Wolverhampton 1,263 children will benefit from a cash injection of £363,859.

Wolverhampton North East Labour MP Emma Reynolds said she supported the move in principal, but questioned whether the scheme was reaching everyone who required help.

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Captivated by chocolate tailor's talk

COVEN WI

THE June meeting was well supported and the joint presidents welcomed everyone.

Jerusalem was sung, the minutes were read and agreed and members informed of events around the county. All formal business was concluded.

Jackie Roberts, 'The Chocolate Tailor' was welcomed to the meeting. She had a captive audience.

Jackie's background was 10 years in the hotel trade then college lecturing. She has an adventurous spirit who enjoys off-road driving and sailing.

After attending courses she became a chocolate tailor, the title depicting a bespoke chocolate maker.

The club learned about the ethos of her business and the science and history of chocolate. She is also involved in primary schools, sells at farmers' markets and is an accomplished speaker.

Ladies were given samples to try and saw a variety of moulds. She had a table full of her delicious chocolate items for sale.

Heather, a Coven member joined other WI at the national conference. She gave a detailed account of her mostly positive experience and said it was an enjoyable learning environment.

Retired president Jo brought along a cake to share, celebrating her 80th birthday. She thanked members for their gift and flowers. Money raised from a plant stall will go to First Responders. Refreshments and a raffle followed.

Desrine desires to help less fortunate

President Jan Beason offers the hand of friendship to new member Desrine McNichol

WOLVERHAMPTON SOROPTIMISTS

AT the June meeting President Jan Beason installed Desrine McNichol as SI Wolverhampton's newest member.

Desrine is a chiropodist, running her own business in West Bromwich, loves to travel and visit the theatre and cinema. She would like to become more involved with club projects for the less fortunate.

Jan reported she had attended her first dinner as new president at St John's House, Lichfield. She also attended the SI Regional Conference at Patshull Park. Unfortunately, she had been unable to attend on the Saturday when Gail Wedge gave a fascinating presentation on behalf of the Wolverhampton club.

The annual strawberry tea at Abbeyfield Parkdale was on July 5 and planning is well under way for the 1940s evening on July 19, which is being held early so that children can attend.

At the business meeting reports were given from the SI Chase Conference and members of the club had attended the WOW evening held at Molineux on June 11.

Talk about hospital an eye-opener

WALSALL CENTRAL

AS the chairman of Walsall Central Townswomen's Guild was on vacation the chairman-elect Ann Smith fronted the July meeting.

Following the formal matters it was announced that due to unforeseen circumstances the scheduled speaker for the evening was unable to be present, but the speakers' secretary had been lucky enough to secure the aid of Lawrence Parkes, whose "day job" was Federation Treasurer but was also passionately involved in the charity Hamlin Fistula UK.

This charity supported the Addis Abada Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia which had been set up in 1974 by Drs Reginald and Catherine Hamlin.

It cares for women with devastating childbirth and related injuries. All care, treatment and surgery is completely free of charge.

Since its opening, great advancements have been made, but there remains much more to be achieved. Unfortunately Dr Reginald Hamlin died in 1993, but his wife, Catherine – now 90 years of age – continues with the work they began together.

The presentation by Lawrence was truly eye-opening and everyone in the room that evening felt very humbled by the wonderful work being carried out.

The chairman-elect announced that future social events included a cream tea at the home of the chairman Pat Jones on July 17 and there will be a coffee morning/bring and buy at a member's home on August 5.

Laburnum Arch in full flower

PENN TG

MRS Sutton introduced Mr & Mrs Fawdrey with a talk entitled 'Only when the Plane comes in'.

Mr Fawdrey described how the MAF, Mission Aviation Fellowship, came into being.

After the Second World War, there were many pilots and engineers who were willing to give their services to the Christian Aviation charity. In many isolated communities a visit to hospital could mean a two to three day walk, but with MAF, it becomes an 11-minute flight. They now operate in 25 developing countries.

The Gardening Group enjoyed a visit to Bodnant Gardens in North Wales and were lucky enough to see the Laburnum Arch in full flower.

Social Studies speaker was Iain Watkins, head of marketing & communications at the Grand Theatre.

A strawberry supper for members only takes place on July 23.

Meetings are held at Penn United Community Hall, Penn Road. New members and visitors are welcome.

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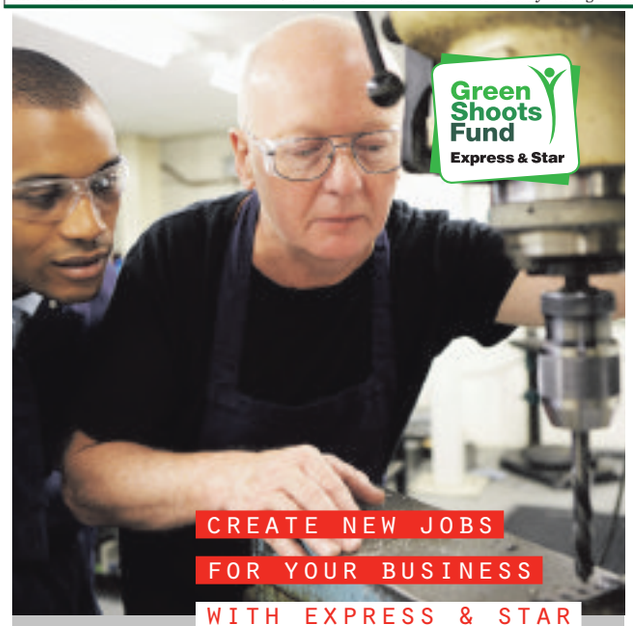

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Henn's £1m sale heralds new brands

Carolynne Thompson with examples of exquisite fine jewellery that will be in the sale

Store manager Carl Williams and Carolynne Thompson prepare for the sale, which includes a wide range of fashion jewellery brands including Coeur de Lion

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

INDEPENDENT Wolverhampton family jeweller T.A. Henn is in the next stages of its ongoing growth, with the imminent arrival of exciting new brands along with further expansion and development of its recently refurbished store.

The first step is the launch a £1,000,000 Summer Sale this Saturday for one week only in its store on Princess Street, with discounts of up to 50 per cent off a wide range of products including rings, earrings, pendants, necklaces, bracelets, watches, gifts and more!

Managing director John Henn commented: "It's an exciting time for us, this sale is just the first step as it paves the way for exciting new fine jewellery ranges alongside new brands coming very soon in our store, such as Endless Jewellery which is tipped to become the next Pandora. Brand expansions following popular demand are also in pipeline for Nomination, Coeur de Lion and Mi Moneda.

"Ultimately, we are here to provide the best products and services and we are proud to back that up with our award-winning customer service in the area.

"This event is a great opportunity for our customers to treat themselves or their loved ones to a special piece of jewellery or watch at amazing prices. The event only runs for one week and ends on Saturday, 19th July."

Amazing

The sale will run across fine jewellery, including diamond-set pieces and other coloured precious stones in a wide variety of precious metals including platinum, yellow gold, white gold and rose gold.

There will be fantastic reductions on a variety of the most desirable fashion jewellery brands in Europe, for the perfect summer accessories, including Ti Sento, Coeur de Lion, Tresor Paris, Clogau, Adami & Martucci, Unique and more.

In addition, there will be amazing deals on a variety of top quality watch brands including Longines, Oris, Tissot, Citizen, Seiko, Rotary and more, along with gift brands including Royal Selangor and Carrs Silverware.

You can follow T. A. Henn on its dedicated Facebook page: www.facebook.com/tahennjewellers and a Twitter account: @tahenn-since1847 where the latest products and company news are published on a regular basis.

Established in 1847, the firm is currently in its 6th generation of the family and is a member of the National Association of Goldsmiths.

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Bostin' time ahead as region prepares

Black Country flag flies across world

The flag flying in Afghanistan

FROM Bilston to Bermuda and Tipton to Tipperary – bostin' is being uttered the world over ay it, as news of Black Country Day sweeps the globe.

Proud Black Country folk have been spreading the word as preparations gather pace for the groundbreaking event celebrating all that is great in the Black Country.

More than 5,000 Black Country flags have been manufactured and sold to people keen to show off their passion for where they were born and raised. And they have been proudly waved in all corners of the world –ranging from huge sporting events, music festivals and even by soldiers in Afghanistan.

It seems the world is finally sitting up and taking notice ahead of the extravaganza on Monday (July 14). From the swaying masses gathered in front at the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury the flag was hoisted high on a pole joining the throngs of music fans enjoying the acts. The flag was spotted by fans in the crowds and was clearly seen on television pictures beamed across the country to families in their armchairs.

Soldiers have been keen to remember a slice of life in the Black Country even while in the hot deserts of Afghanistan by flying the Black Country Flag over Camp Bastion.

Package

And the Black Country even got a slice of the action at the World Cup in Brazil and another was spotted during the first day of the Tour de France. One of the main organisers, 'Black Country' Gaz Sawers, has been feverishly working around the clock to post and package as many of the Black County Flags as he can.

The flag was designed by schoolgirl Gracie Sheppard, 14, who attends Redhill Secondary School in Stourbridge.The Black Country Festival has been devised to bring together a host of arts and cultural events under one banner as excitement builds.

A special citizenship ceremony is also planned on Black Country Day.

Seventy adults from across Walsall, Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley will become British nationals and Black Country citizens.

The event will take place at Dudley Town Hall, the first place in the region to fly the Black Country Flag.

Garry Sawers, also known as Black Country Gaz, promotes Black Country Day along with Councillor Pete Lowe in The Town Hall, Dudley

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Comedian Lenny Henry proudly holds up high the flag

Fizzog are perform at the Red House Glass Cone, in Wordsley

Grand idea – Entertainer 'Duchess of Dudley' Lizzie Wiggins

Famous add their backing

DUDLEY-BORN comic Lenny Henry, Wolves star Danny Bath and even the Prime Minister, David Cameron – the celebration of all things Black Country is receiving approval from well-known famous faces.

Mr Cameron praised the plan to look at the culture, history and identity of the Black Country while on a recent visit to the region, promoting a multi-million pound investment plan by the Government.

Black Country Day will take place on Monday (14) but events are being held from Friday onwards.

Dudley-born funny man Lenny Henry has also given his personal backing to this weekend's events.

Visits

The 55-year-old has made several public visits to Dudley since he was made Freeman of the Borough last year. Sports stars from the area have also been getting in the spirit. Wolves star and Brierley Hill-born footballer Danny Batth also gave his support.

Black Country Day has already won praise from some of the area's best loved figures for putting the pride back into the area.

Entertainer 'Duchess of Dudley' Lizzie Wiggins says Black Country Day is a 'grand idea'and Jacky Fellows – one third of the popular Black Country comic trio and theatre group Fizzog Productions – believes the event will prove a popular addition to the calendar.

Anthem in vow to head up the charts

IT'S a moving song which was re-worked by gigging musicians to stir the soul of thousands around the Black Country and the world.

And now this patriotic ode is soaring up the charts as people get behind a band to celebrate all that is bostin' about the Black Country. Folk band The Empty Can say they have been left stunned for the support for their single I Vow to Thee, Black Country.

It has been named the official song for Black Country Day on July 14 and bandmates hope the song has proved a popular anthem for the occasion. Thousands have already download the song which reached number 32 in the UK official independent singles chart recently.

Rachel Slater and James Stevens, of The Empty Can band, who released I Vow to Thee Black Country

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Off the treadmill and into recording studio

A FITNESS instructor has stepped off the treadmill and picked up the guitar in a bid to raise funds to help patients recovering from heart disease.

Mick Walker, who runs specialist classes at the Blakenhall Healthy Living Centre (BHLC) in Wolverhampton, wanted to record a song to highlight the importance of fitness as part of rehabilitation.

But his problem was that he had never cast his fingers over the bridge of a guitar. That changed 12 months ago when he learned to play the instrument after watching a series of Youtube videos.

Now the 45-year-old has released his debut track, an acoustic-driven number called Dressed In Blue. The song has been recorded at the Beats a Bar studio in the Newhampton Arts Centre in Whitmore Reans and pressed onto a CD. Proceeds will be split between New Cross Hospital's Wolverhampton Coronary Aftercare Support Group and pulmonary rehabilitation charity Airways.

Emily Jukes and Debbie Brookes with some of the kittens who need new homes

Nice new homes would be purrfect for the kittens

MEET these cute little kittens who are desperately on the lookout for new loving homes. Kingswood Cradle Cattery in Albrighton, near Wolverhampton is struggling to cope due to the number of kittens being handed in and is now appealing for animal lovers to give them a home.

Among those looking to find a forever home are five kittens who were dumped in a cardboard pram box at the side of a country lane.

Trained

Debbie Brooks, from the cattery, said: ""All the kittens we have are litter trained and flea-treated and wormed."

"We are appealing to the public to come forward and help us rehome some of the kittens. At the moment, it is costing us an absolute fortune to feed all of them."

The cattery uses foster homes to look after the moggies, and the centre is mainly run by volunteers. Mrs Brooks added: "We have all sorts of cats and they are all beautiful and are very sociable. We would encourage anyone who is thinking of having a cat to adopt one and not buy one."

To adopt a cat call 01902 791794 or 07944 105033.

Revamp for kitchens in schools is under way

SCHOOLS across the West Midlands are being refurbished in readiness for a scheme to give thousands of children free dinners.

Every school in Staffordshire will be able to serve infants free school meals from the beginning of next term. Work will also be carried out across the Black Country. More than 150 schools in Staffordshire are being given new kitchen serveries or other revamps after the Government said all pupils aged four to seven would get a free school meal from September.

Some schools may need to change or stagger lunch times to cope if they have not done so already.

At Five Ways School in Heath Hayes, Cannock, a new serving hatch has been installed to cope with increased demand.

Business manager Wendy Russell said it was expected that up to 400 youngsters would take up the offer compared with 120 at the moment.

Facilities

Ben Adams, Staffordshire County Council's education boss, said: "Many larger schools just didn't have the facilities in place to meet the increase in demand when all the youngest children are entitled to a meal.

"Since December we have commissioned our services provider Entrust to inspect more than 180 schools and then carry out the necessary work.

"When you consider the size of Staffordshire and the number of schools involved, it's been an outstanding effort to get this far, this quickly."

By Political Editor

The Government sent aside £150 million to roll out free school meals to all infant age children. But the policy will cost £1 billion and has reportedly sparked rows between the Tories and Liberal Democrats.

Staffordshire has been handed £2.03m for maintained and church schools.

Work to prepare schools has ranged from installing serveries, refrigeration and new ovens, to making structural alterations to accommodate equipment and moving mains electricity and gas supplies.

Walsall Council has been awarded £590,000 and bosses said they were confident they would be ready in time.

Five primary schools in Wolverhampton are to benefit from a £300,000 klitchens upgrade. They are Bantock Primary, Christ Church CE Infants, Elston Hall Primary, Manor Primary and Warstones Primary.

Councillor Phil Page, the city's cabinet member for schools, said: "The officers at the council inspect the kitchens at the schools and they put forward which ones need to be improved."

Highest weekend calls for 111 service

MORE than 7,500 calls were made to the NHS 111 phone service over the weekend say health chiefs.

The non-emergency line received 7,553 calls, the highest demand recorded for the service in the last six weeks.

On Saturday the Brierley Hill call centre received 4,088 calls and on Sunday it received 3,465 calls.

WMASNHS111 tweeted: "It proved to be a busy weekend in the 111 (West Midlands) call centre. In total we received 7553 calls, 96.4 per cent of which were answered within our target time of 60 seconds.

"On average calls were answered in nine seconds and just 0.4 per cent were abandoned by the caller."

Jamie Arrowsmith, spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance service said: "The amount of calls handled this weekend made it the busiest since May. In comparison the previous weekend, June 28-29 the service received 7132 calls and the weekend of June 21-22 calls totalled 7223."

Vinyl chance for Lenny to make his acting debut at The Rep

DUDLEY-BORN comedian and actor Lenny Henry will headline Birmingham Repertory Theatre's autumn and winter 2014 season.

The comic turned acclaimed dramatic actor will star in the stage premiere of Rudy's Rare Records from September 4 to 20, his first role at the theatre.

Based on his successful BBC Radio 4 series, written by Danny Robins and Henry, Rudy's Rare Records is a poignant comedy set in an old reggae record shop at risk of re-development in Birmingham.

Home

Henry plays Adam, son of shop owner Rudy, who reluctantly moves home to look after his dad and help run the shop.

Adapted for the stage by the writers, Rudy's Rare Records is directed by Paulette Randall and produced by Birmingham Repertory Theatre and Hackney Empire, where it will run after the premiere in Birmingham. The production will feature a live band onstage playing music made famous by Jimmy Cliff, Desmond Dekker and Bob Marley.

Henry said: "I've performed comedy gigs many times in Birmingham over the years, but this is my first straight acting role in the city and the first time I've been on stage at The Rep, which is something I'm really looking forward to.

Lenny Henry and his co-stars

"Growing up in Dudley I would come into Birmingham every Saturday to hang-out in a record shop not too dissimilar to Rudy's, so it's a play that's very close to my heart."

Roxana Silbert, artistic director at Birmingham Rep said: "We're delighted that Lenny will be bringing this brilliant show about three generations of a Birmingham family back home."

Tickets cost from £12.50 to £35. Call the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Uplifting holiday romance

THE stage adaptation of 1987 film Dirty Dancing arrives at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre this September, offering audiences the opportunity to revel in dance and romance in an upstate New York holiday resort circa 1963.

The roles of Baby and Johnny were immortalised on the big screen by Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze, whose chemistry made such an impact as the Romeo and Juliet of Kellerman's holiday resort. So much so that each generation, Dirty Dancing becomes part of the VHS/DVD/Blu-Ray collection.

The stunning salsa and mesmerising merengue and, of course, that climatic lift when Baby jumps into Johnny's arms, will be performed again at the Grand from September 23 to October 11 with Gareth Bailey and Roseanna Frascona in the lead roles.

Having the time of their life — Gareth Bailey and Roseanna Frascona as Johnny and Baby

Aussies fresh from Monkeys business

AUSTRALIAN psychedelic rock band Tame Impala, whose second album Lonerism has become a cult classic, follow their Arctic Monkeys Finsbury Park support slot with a show in their own right at Birmingham's Institute venue, in Digbeth, on Monday.

The week's other plum gigs are at Bilston's Robin 2 with soulful singer/songwriter Jo Harman in concert tonight and acclaimed young guitarist Laurence Jones on Wednesday, July 16, with support from American retro jazzer Davina and her Vagabonds. Meanwhile, the soul sounds of Detroit's Tamla Motown label will be celebrated in The Magic of Motown on Sunday at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Black Country fun at the cone

AN all day music festival is being staged in Stourbridge this Sunday for the Black Country Day Weekend.

The Redhouse Cone, Wordsley, has lined up a bill of local musicians including John Langford and Mark Busby Burrows. The event on Sunday will be outside and runs from 11am to 5pm, the same day as a poetry festival at the venue. But fun starts tomorrow night with comedy from New Black Country Night Out featuring Aynuk and The Fizzogs and there will be a celebration of cultural diversity on Saturday. See kmsevents.co.uk

Funk and folk at niche festivals

FESTIVAL season is in full swing and music fans can fill the gap between Glastonbury and V with a boutique festival in Birmingham.

This weekend, from Friday to Sunday, is the Mostly Jazz Funk & Soul Festival in Moseley Park. New York's Fun Lovin' Criminals headline tomorrow, soul queen Mavis Staples tops the bill on Saturday and The Earth Wind And Fire Experience, featuring original member Al McKay, rounds things off on Sunday.

Sax

Other acts include Syrian star Omar Souleyman, Dutch dance trio Kraak & Smaak, Cody ChestnuTT, Lack of Afro, 1960s rock veteran Ginger Baker with his Jazz Confusion, and sax symbol Courtney Pine.

On Saturday BBC radio DJ, Coronation Street and Red Dwarf star Craig Charles will have a guest DJ slot.

Moseley Park will be a venue again on August 29 to 31 for the Moseley Folk Festival. This year it embraces rock acts too with a line up that ranges from Richard Thompson and The Waterboys, to ex-Smith Johnny Marr, rising star Jimi Goodwin, and Sonic Youth's Thurston Moore. Also featured are local acts Dan Whitehouse and The Old Dance School.

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Amanda Mealing

Casualty (BBC1, 8.30pm)
The Beeb's flagship hospital drama is used to portraying people in desperate situations, but few go as far as one of tonight's patients. He's a drugs counsellor by trade who enlists the help of a former addict under his care to carry out a carjacking – all in a last-ditch attempt to get his hands on some cash. But why is he so willing to risk all in his bid for riches? The pieces start to fall together when he starts coughing up blood, and it seems that he's been keeping a dark secret from everyone, including his wife. Meanwhile, a leukaemia survivor seems to be struggling with motherhood. Could she be hurting her baby? Medical drama, starring George Rainsford, Richard Winsor, Chloe Howman and Amanda Mealing.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **12.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** Live Athletics: Glasgow Grand Prix. Coverage of the Diamond League event. **5.20** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 A Question of Sport: Super Saturday. Olympic gold-medal-winning swimmer Rebecca Adlington, Strictly Come Dancing star Anton Du Beke, TV presenter Gethin Jones and BBC Breakfast's Louise Minchin take part.

7.40 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs of contestants – West Midlands sisters-in-law, sign-language interpreters from Yorkshire and a Luton father and daughter – compete for the chance to play for the money in the safe, with the amount depending on how much they have earned in the previous rounds.

8.30 Casualty. A drugs counsellor enlists the help of a former addict to carry out a carjacking in his desperate bid for money – but when he ends up coughing up blood, it turns out there is something he has been keeping from his wife. Cal is negligent when dealing with the carjacking victim – something that doesn't go unnoticed by Connie – and a leukaemia survivor is suspected of hurting her baby, while Tess returns to the department with a new-found sense of direction in her life.

9.20 BBC News; Weather.

9.40 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. (2003) A buccaneer and a blacksmith commandeer a British ship and set sail in pursuit of a pirate captain who has kidnapped a colonial governor's daughter. However, their quarry and his crew are under a curse that turns them into living skeletons – and makes them impossible to kill. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley; National Lottery Update.

11.50 Film: The Ruins. (2008) Horror, starring Jena Malone and Shawn Ashmore.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.35 Film:** Blood on the Moon. (1948) **8.00** MOTD Kickabout. (R) **8.30** World Cup Films. **9.45** Coast. **10.05** The Living Planet. (R) **11.00** Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) **11.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Spain. (R) **1.00** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. Coverage of the third day at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. **5.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.45** Flog It! Trade Secrets.

6.15 Film: Catch Me If You Can. (2002) The story of Frank Abagnale Jr, who found notoriety as a teenager conning and charming his way across America. Posing as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, Frank was able to fund an extravagant lifestyle while outwitting the FBI at every turn. Fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Martin Sheen and James Brolin.

8.30 Dad's Army. The air-raid wardens have to share the church hall with the Home Guard after their HQ is bombed, but Hodge's men are terribly disruptive and soon cause mayhem. (R)

9.00 The Men Who Made Us Spend. New series. Jacques Peretti investigates the methods used to persuade people to buy consumer goods and confronts the men and women behind bestselling products and successful sales strategies. In the first edition, he examines how product lifespans hold the key to consumerism and explores the origins of planned obsolescence, revealing how a group of electrical manufacturers organised a light-bulb cartel in the 1920s. He asks a senior executive at a home furnishings store why his firm still encourages repeated discarding and purchasing, and talks to a former senior Apple employee about how the company's new focus on fashion keeps people buying even when technological innovation slows.

10.00 Film: The Shipping News. (2001) A small community helps a widower rebuild his family life when he and his daughter go to live with his estranged aunt. Drama, starring Kevin Spacey, Julianne Moore and Judi Dench.

11.45 Golf: Scottish Open. Hazel Irvine presents highlights from the third round at Royal Aberdeen, where America's Phil Mickelson entered as the defending champion.

12.45 Film: Black Sheep. (2006) **2.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Storage Hoarders. (R) **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **2.30** The Nation's Favourite Motown Song. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00 Film:** Scooby-Doo. (2002) Comedy adventure, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar.

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 You've Been Framed! Surreal comedy from the mind of Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' home videos. Aled Jones auditions for Daybreak, while Chris Moyles and family have fun with a Taser. (R)

7.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Chat show host Jonathan Ross, champion boxer Carl Froch and Samantha Womack (EastEnders' Ronnie Mitchell) take turns on the token-pushing machine for charity. Ben Shephard presents.

8.30 FIFA World Cup Live 2014. Coverage of the third-place play-off (Kick-off 9.00pm), which is staged at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia, Brazil. The two losing semi-finalists face each other to determine who finishes third and fourth, in a contest that will no doubt be overshadowed by the final, despite historically being one of the higher-scoring matches of each tournament. The corresponding fixture in 2010 was an entertaining affair, with Germany beating Uruguay 3-2 in a seesaw encounter that initially saw them go 1-0 up before the South Americans fought back to take a 2-1 lead early in the second half. Presented by Matt Smith, with commentary by Sam Matterface and Clarke Carlisle. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

11.15 ITV News; Weather.

11.30 Film: Balls of Fury. (2007) The FBI recruits a washed-up former ping-pong champion to infiltrate an underground tournament run by a criminal mastermind. Comedy, starring Dan Fogler and Christopher Walken.

1.05 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** FIM World Superbike Championship. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Tomorrow People. **1.20** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Jilly Pollock hosts the fifth and final party in Liverpool, and hopes her black-tie event featuring ballroom dancing will ease tensions after the previous night's arguments. (R)

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.05 The Restoration Man. George Clarke catches up with Simon Hooper and partner Victoria, who tried to convert a Grade I-listed medieval hall into a unique home in Cardiff. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud meets artists Indi and Rebecca, who are planning to construct a modern, larch-clad home on the Isle of Skye, with a second hand-crafted building alongside to use as their studio, all on a tight budget of £150,000. They have been saving for years, but making it happen will mean taking on the savage weather, not to mention the sceptical locals – and as if that weren't enough, most of the work is being done by one man, local builder Donald. (R)

9.00 Film: Knight and Day. (2010) A woman has a chance encounter with a rogue secret agent, who has been framed as a traitor and is on the run from his own superiors. Realising she is in danger for knowing too much, he kidnaps her and drags her along on his desperate mission to clear his name. Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz.

11.15 The IT Crowd. Philip from the sixth floor asks Jen on a date – but Roy and Moss invite themselves along. Comedy, starring Katherine Parkinson, Chris O'Dowd and Richard Ayoade. (R)

11.50 The IT Crowd. Denholm's death spells trouble for Jen and Roy – until support appears in the form of a mysterious stranger. (R)

12.25 The IT Crowd. (R) **12.55 Film:** Rushmore. (1998) **2.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.40** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.40** The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) **11.30** Big Brother: Eviction. (R) **12.55** NCIS. (R) **1.50** NCIS. (R) **2.45** NCIS. (R) **3.40 Film:** Pork Chop Hill. (1959) Korean War drama, starring Gregory Peck. **5.40 Film:** Fighter Attack. (1953) Second World War drama, starring Sterling Hayden.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights from the fourth day of the First Test of the five-match series from Trent Bridge in Nottingham. England were eventually bowled out for 544 in their second innings when the sides met here in 2011, leaving the tourists needing 478 runs to win. However, Tim Bresnan returned excellent figures of 5/48 as India were skittled out for just 158. Commentary and analysis by Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes.

7.55 5 News.

8.00 MH370: The Flight That Vanished. Documentary examining the theories and speculation surrounding the fate of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which was lost during its scheduled journey from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing Airport on March 8. (R)

9.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, who share their diary-room thoughts on their recently departed friend – or enemy.

10.00 The Trial of Gillian Taylforth. Dramatic reconstruction based on transcripts and media coverage of the 1994 court case in which the former EastEnders star and her partner sued the Sun newspaper for libel.

11.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. The documentary examining the lives of unemployed people visits Hull, which has one of the highest unemployment rates and lowest average weekly wages in the UK. (R)

12.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Skyscraper: London's Cheesegrater. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** John Newman & Katy B @ T **9.00** Pharrell Williams & Rudimental @ T **10.00** Paolo Nutini @ T **11.30** Family Guy **1.45** American Dad! **2.30** Pramface **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Lost Land of the Tiger **8.00** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** Imagine – Jimi Hendrix: Hear My Train a Comin' **12.25** Guitar Heroes at the BBC **1.25** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.55** Lost Land of the Tiger **2.55** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **3.55** Close

ITV2
12.10 I Wanna Marry "Harry" **1.10** The Only Way Is Essex **2.40 Film:** Beethoven (1991) **4.25** 100% You've Been Framed! **5.25** You've Been Framed and Famous! **6.30 Film:** Pearl Harbor (2001) Romantic drama, starring Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale. **10.00 Film:** The Matrix Reloaded (2003) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne and Hugo Weaving. **12.40** The Magaluf Weekender **1.40** Crazy Beaches **2.30** You've Been Framed! **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.45 Endeavour **1.00** Bomb Girls **1.50** Movies Now **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 The Cycle Show **12.00** Tour de France Highlights **1.00** Tour de France Live. Stage eight from Tomblaine to Gerardmer La Mauselaine. **5.00** Police, Camera, Action! **5.25** Highway Patrol **6.00** Goodwood: Cars of the Future **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Hornblower **10.00 Film:** Hard to Kill (1990) **12.00** Alias Smith and Jones **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** Gareth Bale: Welsh Galactico **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.30** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **12.00** The Big Bang Theory **1.30** New Girl **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** The 100 **9.00 Film:** Coming to America (1988) **11.20** The Big Bang Theory **12.50** 2 Broke Girls **1.20** How I Met Your Mother **2.15** Rude Tube **3.10** The Ricky Gervais Show **4.05** Glee **4.45** Desperate Housewives

Film4
11.00 The Overlanders (1946) **1.00** Rio (2011) **3.00** Zulu (1964) **5.50** Australia (2008) **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) **11.20** The Others (2001) **1.25** Final Destination 3 (2006) **3.20** Close

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CHOICE

Anna Maxwell Martin

The Night Watch (BBC2, 9pm)

Based on the acclaimed novel by Tipping the Velvet author Sarah Waters, this one-off drama opens in 1947, when the main characters, along with the rest of the country, are trying to rebuild their lives, and then works backwards through the 1940s to see just what happened to them during the war years. We are introduced to Kay (Anna Maxwell Martin), who ceaselessly roams the streets as if haunted by some tragic loss. Meanwhile, Helen (Claire Foy) and Viv (Jodie Whittaker) run a marriage bureau but their own personal lives are less than perfect – Viv seems unable to break free from her married lover, and Helen is pursuing a tumultuous relationship with a woman named Julia (Anna Wilson-Jones).

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Alan Hansen: Player and Pundit. (R) **2.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Whiteford Burrows sand dunes in Gower, south Wales, Adam Henson reveals the wonders of wool and cameraman Richard Taylor-Jones is on the lookout for fox cubs.

7.00 Match of the Day Live. Coverage of the final at the Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro (Kick-off 8.00pm), where the successors to 2010 champions Spain are crowned. This 20th staging of the tournament has been largely lauded as a great success, with a glut of goals, attacking football and some of the leading players in the world bringing their club form to the international stage. While several of the leading European nations made early exits, including Italy, England and the defending champions, the South American and CONCACAF sides demonstrated their ability, leaving few clues as to which team could find the consistency required to lift the trophy. A number of shock results added to the excitement and unpredictability of the tournament, but there have been relatively few surprises in the showpiece match over the years, with the last one being France's victory over Brazil in 1998, and before that, arguably Italy's triumph against West Germany in 1982 following their slow start to that campaign. A European success remains unlikely, especially as all four stagings of the World Cup in South America have been won by sides from that continent, with the last one being Argentina on home soil in 1978. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

10.30 BBC News; Regional News.

10.55 Live at the Apollo. Greg Davies hosts another session of stand-up at Hammersmith Apollo in west London. (R)

11.25 Film: Man of the Year. (2006) Comedy, with Robin Williams and Christopher Walken.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.20 Film:** Tender Comrade. (1943) **8.00** Monty Don's French Gardens. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. **12.00** Rick Stein's Spain. (R) **1.00** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. Coverage of the fourth day at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. **5.20** Natural World: The Bat Man of Mexico. (R)

6.20 Flog It! People are invited to try to make money by selling their antiques at auction. (R)

7.20 Film: Shall We Dance? (2004) A bored workaholic lawyer becomes fixated with a beautiful dance teacher and enrols in her class. When she flatly rejects his advances, he decides to concentrate on perfecting his footwork – but keeps the new hobby a secret, making his wife very suspicious about the amount of time he is spending away from home. Romantic comedy, starring Richard Gere.

9.00 The Night Watch. One-off drama adapted from the best-selling novel by Sarah Waters following the love affairs of four Londoners through three periods of the 1940s. Kay roams the streets, haunted by a traumatic personal loss, while Helen and Viv run a marriage bureau, helping people rebuild their shattered lives by finding love – but their own complicated relationships are less easy to solve. Meanwhile, Duncan's fragile existence is threatened when a face from his past reappears. Anna Maxwell Martin, Claire Foy, Jodie Whittaker and Harry Treadaway star. (R)

10.30 Mock the Week. Josh Widdicombe, Gary Delaney and Tiffany Stevenson are among the guests joining regular panellists Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons on the topical comedy quiz. (R)

11.00 QI XL. Extended edition. Victoria Coren Mitchell, Sue Perkins and the Rev Richard Coles join Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions about knights and knaves. (R)

11.45 Golf: Scottish Open. Hazel Irvine presents action from the fourth and final round at Royal Aberdeen, where Phil Mickelson entered as the defending champion.

12.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. **4.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.00** Deadtime Stories. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Love Your Garden. **12.25** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.30 Film:** Columbo: Strange Bedfellows. (1995) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Rod Steiger. **3.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. (R)

7.00 FIFA World Cup Live 2014. Coverage of the final at the Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro (Kick-off 8.00pm), where the successors to 2010 champions Spain are crowned. The Spaniards needed extra time to overcome the Netherlands in a tempestuous affair four years ago in South Africa, with Andres Iniesta striking after John Heitinga had been sent off for the losing side. However, Spain were unable to successfully defend their title this time around, losing 5-1 to the Dutch in their opening contest, before a further defeat against Chile sealed their fate just two games into their tournament. Argentina and Brazil began their campaigns among the favourites and they will know history is on their side if either have qualified for this encounter, as a team from South America has prevailed every time the continent has hosted a World Cup. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 The Greatest Footie Ads Ever. Paddy McGuinness presents this one-off programme guiding viewers through 30 years of incredible, bizarre, spectacular and much-loved football commercials. (R)

11.45 The Cube. Phillip Schofield hosts. (R)

12.40 The Store. **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **4.15** May the Best House Win. (R) **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Ironman 2014. **6.30** Ironman 2014. **7.00** Cholmondeley Pageant of Power. **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.50** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** The Simpsons. (R) **3.45** Deal or No Deal. **4.50 Film:** St Trinian's. (2007) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett.

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Film: Titanic. (1997) A party of explorers studying the sunken remains of the famous liner meets an elderly woman who was a passenger on the ill-fated maiden voyage. She recounts how she boarded the ship while on the brink of being forced into marriage by her family, and was stopped from killing herself by a penniless artist. She fell in love with her saviour, but the disaster on the horizon meant their time together was doomed to be short. James Cameron's Oscar-winning romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio, Billy Zane, Kathy Bates and Bill Paxton. Edited for language and nudity.

10.45 Film: The Running Man. (1987) A convict takes part in a brutal TV game show in which he is hunted by a series of gadget-wielding killers. Sci-fi action adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Richard Dawson.

12.40 The Million Pound Drop. Davina McCall returns with the 13th series of the quiz, featuring themed editions and celebrity contestants. Tonight, Stephen and Chris from Gogglebox play for charity. (R) **1.35 Film:** A Prophet. (2009) A crook is sent to a French prison dominated by rival Corsican and Muslim gangs, where he forms his own crime syndicate. Crime drama, starring Tahar Rahim and Niels Arestrup. **4.05** Home Road Movies. (R) **4.20** River Cottage Veg Heroes. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall cooks a stir fry at Bramble Farm in Bristol. He also prepares potato and carrot salad, as well as exotic tarts made using beetroot and samphire. (R) **4.50** Beat My Build. Two sets of property developers compete to make the most profit renovating flats. The first crew transforms a unit in London, while the second treats another on the south coast. (R) **5.45** Deal or No Deal. Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes, and could double their winnings with box 23 – if they are brave enough to buy it with what they have won. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.30** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.35** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Access. (R) **10.05** World's Scariest Near Misses. (R) **10.55** Big Brother. (R) **11.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55 Film:** See No Evil, Hear No Evil. (1989) **2.45 Film:** Stand By Me. (1986) **4.20 Film:** Click. (2006)

6.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera. Journalist Nick Wallis joins police forces around the nation to discover how CCTV and technological advances are helping to bring criminals to justice. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fifth day of the First Test of the five-match series from Trent Bridge in Nottingham.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 The Boy They Call Fish. The story of a Vietnamese teenager who has a rare condition that gives him scaly, fish-like skin, and his unlikely friendship with the Essex grandmother devoted to helping him. (R)

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.00 Webcam Girls: At Your Service. Women who work in the online adult entertainment industry. (R)

10.50 Film: Step Brothers. (2008) Two 40-year-old men who have never left the family home are forced to share a room when their single parents marry each other. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell.

12.45 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours. **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Bastille & Sam Smith @ T **9.00** Tinie Tempah & Jake Bugg @ T **10.00** Arctic Monkeys & Example @ T **11.30** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.00** Russell Howard's Good News **2.00** Stacey Dooley in the USA: Homeless in Detroit **3.00** Slum Survivors **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Natural World **8.00** Ford's Dagenham Dream **9.00** A Century in Film: From Scotland with Love **10.15** The Sky at Night **10.45 Film:** Everlasting Moments (2008) **12.30** Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned **1.30** More Dangerous Songs: And the Banned Played On **2.30** Ford's Dagenham Dream **3.30** Decisive Weapons **4.00** Close

ITV2

1.00 America's Got Talent **3.40** You've Been Framed! **4.10 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **6.00 Film:** Jurassic Park III (2001) **7.45 Film:** Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50 Film:** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) **1.20** TV OD **1.45** You've Been Framed and Famous! **2.35** Life's Funniest Moments **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.25 A Touch of Frost **1.30** Wycliffe **2.45 Film:** Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) **4.40** Inspector Morse **7.00** Endeavour **1.00** Wycliffe **1.55** William and Mary **2.45** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.15** Emmerdale

ITV4

12.00 Duck Dynasty **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** Tour de France Live. Stage nine from Gerardmer to Mulhouse. **5.00** Storage Wars **6.00** Goodwood Festival of Speed **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Storage Wars **9.00 Film:** Doom (2005) **11.05 Film:** The Wicker Man (1973) **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club **2.30** Police, Camera, Action! **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.30** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The 100 **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Hairspray (2007) **10.15** The Big Bang Theory **11.20** Rude Tube **12.25** The Mindy Project **12.50** How I Met Your Mother **1.25** Rules of Engagement **2.15** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 The Admirable Crichton (1957) **1.00** Planet of the Apes (1968) **3.15** Avatar (2009) **6.35** Star Trek (2009) **9.00** X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) **11.05** The Final Destination (2009) **12.40** Vanilla Sky (2001) **3.25** Close

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Film Choices

Monday
Assumed Killer, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A news reporter trying to prove a a series of recent murders were the work of a serial killer is involved in a car crash and loses her memory. She begins to suspect that her own husband may be the murderer, and tries to piece together the events of the crash that she has forgotten. Thriller, starring Barbie Castro. (2013)

Tuesday
Escape from Polygamy, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A widowed mother joins a religious cult and goes to live in their remote compound, where her teenage daughter falls in love with the son of the group's leader. When the preacher demands that the girl marry him, the two youngsters plan to escape together. Drama, starring Haley Lu Richardson, Jack Falahee and Mary McCormack. (2013)

Wednesday
North West Frontier, BBC2, 1.10pm
A British officer saves an Indian prince from an uprising and tries to escort him and the boy's nanny to safety on board a dilapidated train. However, his mission is jeopardised when it becomes clear there is a traitor on board, leading to a deadly game of cat and mouse. Action adventure, starring Lauren Bacall, Kenneth More, Herbert Lom and Wilfrid Hyde White. (1959)

American Pie, Wednesday, ITV, 10.40pm

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Four teenage boys make a solemn pact to lose their virginity before the high-school prom, and though their antics cause them huge embarrassment and public humiliation, the friends also learn about love and affection in their relations with the opposite sex. Coming-of-age comedy, starring Jason Biggs, Shannon Elizabeth, Chris Klein, Alyson Hannigan, Mena Suvari, Seann William Scott and Eugene Levy. (1999)

Thursday
The Nightmare Nanny, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman reluctantly hires a live-in nanny to look after her three-year-old daughter so she can return to work, but fears the child is growing closer to her minder than her mother. Thriller, starring Ashley Scott and Mekenna Melvin. (2013)

Friday
What Happens in Vegas, Channel 4, 12.05am
Two strangers accidentally booked into the same hotel room in Las Vegas spend a night on the town together. After a wild and drunken time in the casinos, they wake up to find they are now a married couple, and later win $3million which they both have a claim to – leading to a battle of wits over who keeps the money. Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher. (2008)

Pick of the Week

The new champions are finally crowned

Who's it between? Well, not the teams featuring in the World Cup final, but rather BBC v ITV. Both channels will be broadcasting the showpiece match, which takes place at the famous Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro and kicks off at 8pm, but which company will come out on top in the ratings?

The smart money is on the Beeb. After all, they have silver fox Gary Lineker at the helm, whose still boyish good looks, despite the fact he's in his fifties, will appeal to the non-football-loving ladies in the audience, while fans will simply enjoy his knowledge of the game.

The BBC also have some excellent pundits alongside him, and we're hoping that Danny Murphy rather than Mark Lawrenson gets the co-commentator's spot.

The former Liverpool and Fulham star has been a revelation in this position – he's as interesting as poor old Phil Neville was dull during his first go at it during England's opening tie against Italy.

Not that ITV are the poor relations. Adrian Chiles does a decent job as their anchorman, while the likes of Gordon Strachan, Patrick Viera and Lee Dixon have plenty to say for themselves.

Sadly, Fabio Cannavaro often looks like a rabbit caught in the headlights – he's charming, but perhaps needs a few more English lessons.

Also, it would be nice if his co-stars allowed him to get a word in edgeways every now and then.

The World Cup itself has been one of the best in recent memory. From the start, teams generally threw caution to the wind, opting to attack rather than sit back and defend, which led to some thrillingly open games.

Teams such as Chile, Costa Rica and Algeria surprised many by getting further than anyone (including probably themselves) thought possible, while the likes of Italy, holders Spain and, yes, England, fell by the wayside early.

Even the USA, a nation that for so long didn't seem to be able to get its head around the game they call soccer, finally appeared to embrace it, and the team only bowed out during the round of 16 after one of the most enthralling matches so far, which saw goalkeeper Tim Howard make a record-breaking 15 saves before Belgium beat them 2-1.

After watching so many great matches, we have high hopes for this year's final.

It surely can't be dirtier and more disappointing than the 2010 one anyway, when Spain scored in extra time to win 1-0 against a Netherlands team that was uncharacteristically dirty throughout the game.

Referee Howard Webb sent off one player and handed out 14 bookings that afternoon in Johannesburg.

Who will actually lift the famous trophy is a mystery – there have been too many upsets and surprises so far to tempt us into guessing. What we do know is that it won't be anybody from the British Isles. Maybe our time will come in Russia in 2018, eh?

Gary Lineker, Match of the Day Live, Sunday, BBC1, 7pm

Best of the Rest

Monday
Long Lost Family
ITV, 9pm
Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell are back with a new run of a series which has proved amazingly popular. Although each episode features different people, their stories are often similar and the outcome – a tearful reunion – is the upshot of the research team's hard work. So, make sure you have plenty of tissues handy as we meet 63-year-old Ann Munro from Hampshire, who desperately wants a chance to tell her son why she gave him away when she was 21, and to ask for his forgiveness. There's also a chance to find out how Louise Kendall, a 28-year-old nurse from Bradford, gets on when she tracks down the French father she's never met.

Utopia
Channel 4, 10pm
The first series, broadcast in 2012, was a massive success, so we're expecting big things from this follow-up. It takes us back to 1979 and introduces us to Philip Carvel, a scientific genius who meets Milner, boss of powerful shadowy organisation The Network, at a secret forum involving boffins from various walks of life. They get on like a house on fire, and she encourages him to create Janus, a way of sterilising 95 per cent of the world's people which, she claims, will solve the world's overpopulation problem. But as time goes by, Carvel questions the project, particularly how it will affect his own children, in particular his beloved daughter Jessica. Tom Burke, Rose Leslie, Ed Birch, Anca Androne and Kevin Trainor star.

Tuesday
Hive Alive
BBC2, 8pm
Part one of two. Naturalist and Springwatch presenter Chris Packham and journalist and beekeeping enthusiast Martha Kearney are joined by expert Professor Adam Hart to explore the remarkable secrets of the lives and habits of bees. Midsummer is a critical time for the insects as they must gather enough food for the winter, so a specially designed hive equipped with an array of cutting-edge technology is used in order to monitor them and find out how they do it.

Coast
BBC2, 9pm
Following their recent Australian version, now the Coast team are back for a fresh run. They will be exploring more dramatic areas, telling stories, investigating notable landmarks and exploring mysteries that have played an important role in the coastal regions' development. In this first episode, the Coast crew explores the English Channel. Nick Crane experiences the secret life of Mont St Michel, a rocky outcrop which attracts over a million tourists a year. Mark Horton reveals how French mapmakers accidentally gave birth to Britain's Ordnance Survey some two centuries ago. And a few weeks after the world remembered the fallen, the team discover a poignant memorial to those who lost their lives during the D-Day campaign.

Wednesday
The Hotel Inspector Returns
Channel 5, 9pm
Alex Polizzi returns to the White Hart in St Albans, Hertfordshire, a reputedly haunted 15th-century hotel run by husband-and-wife Ross and Jayne McBeath, who had taken the ghoulish inspiration to extremes with novelty plastic skeletons and a horror-themed menu. Alex suggested that the proprietors drop the ghost tours and concentrate on the rich history of the building and surrounding area. Two years on, will she find a successful business – or will it be dead and buried?

The Mimic
Channel 4, 10pm
Return of the comedy about a talented impressionist who's stuck in a rut. Since leaving his maintenance job for a big break on TV, things haven't quite gone to plan for Martin and he's having trouble finding work. As his son Steven decides to go travelling – unable to cope after the death of his mother – Martin hires Neil as his new agent. However, his first gig is not exactly what he had been hoping for – busking at a shopping centre. Terry Mynott stars.

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Thursday
Talk to the Animals
BBC1, 8pm
Lucy Cooke concludes her global exploration into the world of animal 'speak', focusing on how they talk to friends and enemies and even what they say to their neighbours. The zoologist discovers the many uses of the spotted hyena's call, tricks some vervet monkeys into warning each other of danger and finds out that dolphins not only greet one another, they also have unique signatures.

Friday
The Village That's Falling Into the Sea
BBC1, 7.30pm
On December 5th last year, the Norfolk seaside resort of Hemsby was devastated by the worst storm surge the east coast had seen in 60 years. It resulted in three homes being swept into the sea and another four getting unthinkably damaged. However, this wasn't the first time the village had experienced such loss – their coastline is slowly being eroded at a cost of almost 70 properties over the past few decades. In this one-off programme, presenter David Whiteley meets the residents.

BBC Proms 2014
BBC2, 8pm
The 120th season of the classical music festival gets under way at London's Royal Albert Hall as Katie Derham introduces a performance of Elgar's biblical oratorio The Kingdom, a portrayal of the acts of the disciples after the ascension of Jesus. Andrew Davis conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the BBC National Chorus of Wales.

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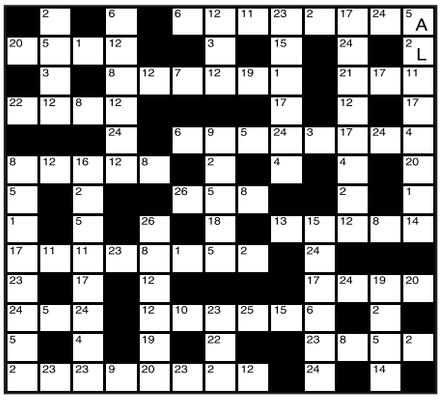

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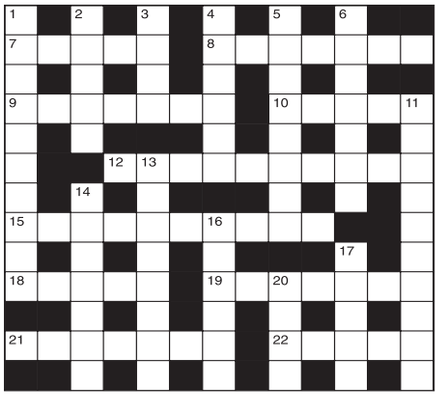

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Sailor not quite finished on top (5)
8. She's not herself when working (7)
9. It's lace made for use in many under-garments (7)
10. Audibly permitted (5)
12. It may be a tiny girl's reason for not singing (10)
15. Toast? Well, we enjoy it! (4,6)
18. Part of Munich expressly designed for a statue (5)
19. A topic that's new about a pudding (7)
21. We prefer to be so (7)
22. Ocean-designed craft? Hardly (5)

Down

1. One keeps dry on it (5-5)
2. Not qualified to sum up (5)
3. A number set about a religious group (4)
4. Is such a tune easily picked up? (6)
5. Yet a crooked dealer may deal himself one! (8)
6. Answers which may be dispensed with (7)
11. Specified an inten-tion on the wrong date (10)
13. Fit as a lithe cat might be (8)
14. Firm interest (7)
16. He savagely attacked Roman civilisation (6)
17. Bandaged an injury? (5)
20. Quietly act on an agreement (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Illustrious (5)
8. Raging (7)
9. Compel (7)
10. Remove faults (5)
12. Communicable (10)
15. Unlikely (10)
18. Decree (5)
19. Limit (7)
21. Quake (7)
22. Suffering (5)

Down

1. Not precise (10)
2. Astern (5)
3. Prophet (4)
4. Feeble (6)
5. Eastern (8)
6. Ennui (7)
11. Confused (10)
13. Mid-day (8)
14. Best (7)
16. Harmony (6)
17. Inflexible (5)
20. Remark (4)

Sudoku

		3	6			8		
				3			6	9
6		8	1		9			
	5	9			4			1
	2	4		1		6	9	
1						7	4	
		1	3		6	4		2
5	6			7				
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	1	3	2	7	4	9	6	5
9	5	2	3	6	8	7	1	4
7	6	4	1	9	5	8	2	3
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5	3	7	6	4	1	2	9	8
4	8	6	5	2	9	1	3	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Escalator; 8 Ian; 9 Till the soil; 11 Crushed; 12 Icing; 13 Endear; 15 Agenda; 17 Rhyme; 18 Ascribe; 20 Ice-breakers; 22 Sol; 23 Suspected. Down: 2 Ski; 3 Latch; 4 Treads; 5 Roofing; 6 Pillion ride; 7 Integrate; 10 Laundry bill; 11 Cheerless; 14 Ageless; 16 Padres; 19 Chase; 21 Rye. QUICK - Across: 1 Practical; 8 Own; 9 Depredation; 11 Breathe; 12 Upper; 13 Animal; 15 Rescue; 17 Idiot; 18 Affront; 20 Assiduously; 22 Dot; 23 Stratagem. Down: 2 Roe; 3 Treat; 4 Craven; 5 Leisure; 6 Conspicuous; 7 Interment; 10 Precipitate; 11 Be-atitude; 14 Attests; 16 Wander; 19 Float; 21 Lie.

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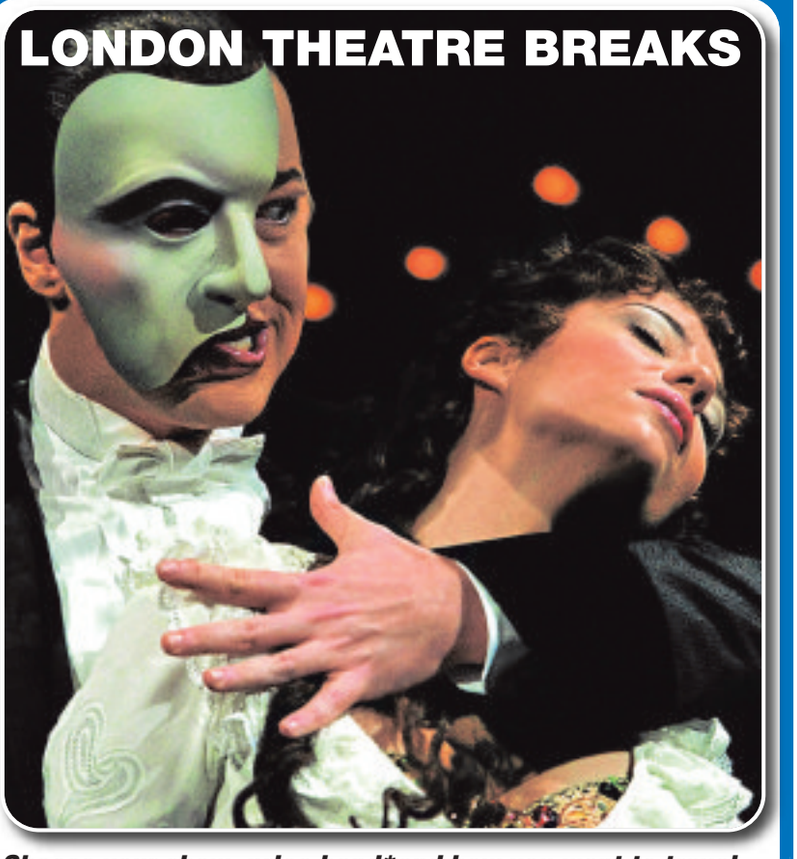

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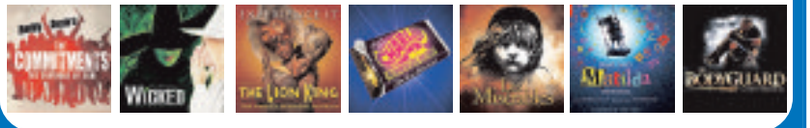

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Melodic mixture of acoustic music

Jess Burgess

Olly Flavell

Jen Robins

Richard Wellington

Baddies' Boogie, Newhampton Arts Centre, W-ton

Review

ANOTHER raft of talented individuals from all over the Midlands were brought together in Whitmore Reans by promoters Baddies' Boogie for more thoroughly enjoyable acoustic music.

This offering was probably the most eclectic yet with the Silhouettes and their indie/electronica sound; the sophisticated sound of Jess Burgess and the singing of Richard Wellington all of who hail from Wolverhampton.

Dotted in between were Newport's Olly Flavell and the big sound of Stourbridge's Jen Robins.

Opener Flavell fell victim to a broken string but was soon back on stage singing his version of the much-covered Valerie. Flavell has a really solid and tuneful voice but he does try too hard to sound soulful and crowds his singing with vocal tricks.He does have a good range but it felt as if he was trying to use every trick in the book and consequently his voice was up and down, with harmonies sometimes sounding forced. Jen Robins took over with her likeable girlish singing and a definite confident stage presence. She too has a strong, tuneful voice with that Dolly Parton warble underneath occasionally. However, similar to Flavell, she tries too hard to have this soulful diva sound which she honestly doesn't need. Robins' voice is good, powerful and produces some lovely deep harmonies which remind sometimes of the legend Parton.

Distinctive

She was followed by Jess Burgess who has a very distinctive voice and sophisticated sound. At first she looked a little uncomfortable on stage but she launched into her first track Mardy Bum with confidence sounding uncannily like Lily Allen when she first burst onto the pop scene.

There is this air of coolness about her and she looked as sophisticated as she sounded. She really gave an example of how strong and clear her voice was with her version of White Noise from Disclosure. Taking over the stage next, quite literally with a bewildering array of wires, gizmos and equipment, were Silhouettes.

This time they were a mere duo of Nathan Till and Jay Cuthill although they do have a bigger line up. Till, who did most of the singing, has a melancholic voice and their sound harkens back to the experimental sounds of early Pink Floyd but you can definitely hear influences from Radiohead, Massive Attack and Coldplay in there. Their sound is thoughtful, ethereal, clever and multi-stranded almost, in some cases, psychedelic. Finishing off the night was Richard Wellington and to be fair to Wellington his nerves got the better of him.

More used to being part of a group, Militia Inc, being up on stage alone with a guitar did him no favours. Picking a massive song like Black Sabbath's Paranoid and committing the schoolboy error of not tuning the instrument beforehand didn't help either.

But you have to give Wellington his due, it's not easy to stand in the spotlight all alone in front of an audience where there is nowhere to hide. Also to his credit Wellington was not afraid to tackle the big numbers, but he never really relaxed. It wasn't that bad a performance and it would certainly be worth hearing him again.

The next Baddies' Boogie is July 19 in the upstairs room of Talk, Birmingham.

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●EPC Rate Grade is D●A Two Bedroom Mid Terraced Property●Two Reception Rooms●Two Bedrooms & Bathroom On First Floor●Externally Court Yard and Rear Garden●Immaculately Presented●No Upward Chain.

£85,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

WILLENHALL

COPPICE LANE

●EPC Rating Is Grade C ●Ground Floor Flat ●Two Bedrooms ●Modern Kitchen ●Modern Bathroom ●Garage ●No Chain

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NEEDWOOD CLOSE

● EPC Rating Is Grade D ● Viewing Essential ● Extended Detached Property ● Connected Lounge / Dining / Sitting Room ● Further Reception Room ● Stunning Kitchen / Breakfast Room ● Secondary Kitchen / Utility Room ● Five Bedrooms ● Bathroom / WC And Secondary Shower/WC ● Garage And Driveway And Gardens

£237,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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ALDERSLEY AVENUE

● Epc Awaited ● Substantially Extended Semi Detached ● Through Lounge Dining Room ● Lovely Extended Kitchen / Breakfast Room ● Second Reception Room / Sun Room ● Secondary Kitchen / Utility Room ● Guest Cloakroom / Wc ● Three Double Bedrooms ● Stylish Bathroom / Wc ● Parking & Lovely Landscaped Gardens

£190,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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FARNDALE AVENUE

● Epc Awaited ● Substantially Extended Detached Home ● Viewing Essential ● Lounge ● Dining Room / Family Room ● Fitted Kitchen ● Four Bedrooms ● Downstairs Wc ● Upstairs Bathroom / Wc ● Garden And Large Driveway

£165,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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MERCURY DRIVE

● EPC rating to follow ● Chain free ● Family home ● Viewing highly recommended ● Contemporary style kitchen/diner ● Lounge ● Guest W/C ● Three bedrooms ● En-suite shower ● Family bathroom ● Garage ● Secure off road parking.

£139,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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RENTON ROAD

● EPC Rating Awarded D ● Semi-Detached Property ● Three Bedrooms ● Open Plan Lounge ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● Modern Bathroom ● Rear Garden ● Off Road Parking ● Viewing Essential

£117,500 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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JEFFCOCK ROAD

● EPC Rating E ● Traditional Semi Detached Property ● Two Double Bedrooms ● Two Reception Rooms ● Kitchen ● Family Bathroom ● Off Road Parking ● Viewing Essential

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ASTBURY CLOSE

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£104,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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PENHALLOW DRIVE

● EPC Rating Awarded E ● Traditional Semi Detached Home ● Viewing Highly Recommended ● Cul - De - Sac Location ● Lounge ● Dining Room ● Kitchen ● Upstairs Bathroom / WC ● Front And Rear Garden

£100,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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BEDFORD STREET

● EPC GRADE C. ● Traditional Family Home ● Beautifully Presented ● Lounge ● Contemporary Kitchen Dining Room ● Three Double Bedrooms ● Spacious Bathroom / Wc ● Rear Garden ● Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles ● Viewing Highly

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UPTON GREEN

● Awaiting EPC ● Ground Floor Apartment ● Viewing Very Highly Recommended ● Triple Aspect Lounge ● Modern Fitted Kitchen With Appliances ● Two Bedrooms ● Stylish Bathroom / WC ● Gas Central Heating System ● Double Glazing ● Allocated Parking

£99,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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ARDGOWAN GROVE

● EPC Awaited ● First Floor Apartment ● Viewing Very Highly Recommended ● Triple Aspect Lounge ● Modern Fitted Kitchen With Appliances ● Two Double Bedrooms ● Stylish Bathroom / WC ● Gas Fired Central Heating System ● Double Glazing ● Secured Allocated Parking

£90,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

BILSTON

MOUNT PLEASANT

● EPC Rating Is Grade E ● Two Bedroom Mid Terrace ● Two Reception Rooms ● Detached Garage To The Rear ● Double Glazing (Where Stated) ● Bathroom To The First Floor ● Small Frontage To The Property

£89,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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LIME STREET

● Traditional Terraced Property ● Three Bedrooms ● Two Reception Rooms ● Fitted Kitchen ● Family Bathroom ● Rear Garden ● Awaitng EPC

£87,500 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

COVEN HEATH

THE HOMELANDS

● EPC EXEMPT ● Delightful Park Home ● Lounge With Fireplace ● Kitchen / Dining Room ● Master Bedroom With Fitted Furniture ● Secondary Bedroom With Fitted Furniture ● Lpg Gas Central Heating System ● Double Glazing As Stated ● Private Gardens And Parking ● No Chain

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LENNOX GARDENS

● EPC Rating D ● Traditional Terraced Property ● Three Bedrooms ● Kitchen / Diner ● Family Bathroom ● Separate Garage

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AUSTIN STREET

● EPC Rating Is Grade D ● Traditional Style Terraced Property ● Kitchen ● Family Bathroom ● Two Double Bedrooms ● Rear Garden ● Gas Central Heating

£79,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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GOODYEAR AVENUE

● EPC Rating D ● Traditional Family Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Lounge ● Kitchen / Dining Room ● Utility & WC ● Three Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom / WC ● Off Road Parking

£79,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON

STRATHFIELD WALK

● Awaiting EPC ● Ground Floor One Bedroom Flat ● One Double Bedroom ● Large Reception Room ● Kitchen / Diner ● Off Road Parking ● Viewing Essential

£77,500 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TO LET

CHETWYND ROAD

● Extended Three Bedroom Semi-detached Family Home ● Convenient Location Close To Local Amenities ● Through Lounge ● Large Modern Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom ● Driveway ● Rear Garden ● Viewing Recommended.

£675 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TO LET

PENNANT COURT

● Two Bed Ground Floor Flat ● Popular Location ● Close To City Centre And Local Amenities ● Large Lounge And Kitchen Area ● Two Double Bedrooms ● Modern Bathroom ● Allocated Parking ● Available 14th June ● Viewing Essential.

£595 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TO LET

EMERSON ROAD

● Three Bedroom Semi-detached Family Home ● Popular Location ● Lounge ● Modern Kitchen/diner ● Three Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom ● Off Road Parking ● Good Size Rear Garden ● Viewing Recommended.

£525 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TO LET

CONVENT CLOSE

● City Centre Location ● Stunning Two Bed Flat ● Recently Refurbished ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● Modern Bathroom ● Close To Local Amenities ● Students Considered With A Guarantor ● Must Be Viewed To Be Appreciated.

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TO LET

WESTON DRIVE

● Two Bedroomed Apartment ● Electric Heating ● Close To Town Centre ● Fitted Kitchen ● Secured Entrance ● Allocated Parking

£475 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TO LET

ABBOTS WAY

● Ground Floor Studio ● Lounge/bedroom Including Pull Down Double Bed ● Kitchen ● Bathroom/wc ● Double Glazing/central Heating ● Available End June 2014 ● Viewing Recommended.

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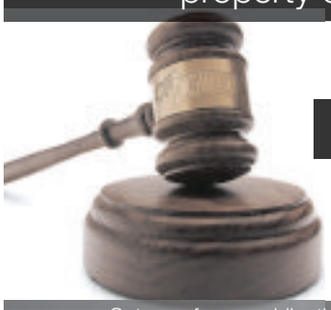

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EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Executive Four Bedroom Detached House● Lounge & Dining Room● Ensuite To Master Bedroom● Family Bathroom● Woodland Aspect● Modern Fitted Kitchen● Utility Room & Cloakroom W/C● Conservatory● Front/Side/Rear Gardens● Garage
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NO UPWARD CHAIN ●EPC Rating Is Grade D● Executive Extended Four Bedroom Detached House● Lounge & Dining Room● Fitted Kitchen● Utility Room & Cloakroom W/C● Ensuite To Master Bedroom● Further Family Bathroom● Double Glazing● Garage
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RAGLAN AVENUE
EPC Rating is Grade C● Bedroom Detached House ●Lounge ●Dining Room ●Kitchen ●Sitting Room ●Ensuite Shower Room To Master Bedroom ●Bathroom With White Suite ●Garden to the Rear
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REDUCED
FARLEIGH ROAD
REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE● EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Executive Extended Four Bedroom Detached House● Thru Hallway● Two Reception Rooms● Further Breakfast/Reception Room● Ensuite Bathroom to Master Bedroom● Further Shower Room W/C● Double Glazing
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DUNSTER GROVE
EPC Rating Is Grade D● Four Bedroom Detached House Enjoying Open Rear Aspect● Lounge/Diner● Conservatory● Modern Breakfast Kitchen With Dining Area● Utility Room● Cloakroom W/C● Bathroom W/C● Double Glazing● Cul De Sac Location
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RICHMOND DRIVE
EPC Rating Is Grade D● Four Bedroom Detached House● Two Reception Rooms● Lshaped Kitchen With Breakfast Area● Master Bedroom With Ensuite● Further Family Bathroom And Cloakroom W/C● Garage● Double Glazing● Front And Rear Gardens
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PERTON £245,000

EDGE HILL DRIVE
EPC Rating Is Grade C● Four Bedroom Detached House● Lounge● Modern Feature Breakfast Kitchen With A Dining Area● Conservatory● Utility Room & Cloakroom W/C● Ensuite To Master Bedroom, Ensuite To Bedroom Two●Further Shower Room● Garage● Double Glazing
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VANBRUGH COURT
NO UPWARD CHAIN ●EPC Rating Is Grade C ●Four Bedroom Detached House ●Lounge ●Dining Room ●Breakfast Kitchen ●Utility Room ●Cloakroom W/C ●Front And Rear Gardens ●27 ft Garage
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BRUNEL GROVE
EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Four Bedroom Detached House ●Lounge/Diner ●Breakfast Kitchen ●Conservatory ●Utility Room ●Playroom ●Bathroom With White Suite ●Garage ●Double Glazing ●Front And Rear Gardens
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PERTON £187,000

NEW
STEPHENSON DRIVE
EPC Ratings Awaited ●Extended Link Semi Detached House ●Four Bedrooms ●Lounge & Fitted Kitchen ●Dining Room ●Modern Fitted Bathroom W/C ●Downstairs W/C ●Double Glazing ●Gas Central Heating ●Front And Rear Gardens
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PERTON £165,000

MERCIA DRIVE
NO UPWARD CHAIN ●EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Three Bedroom Semi Detached House● Lounge & Dining Room● Utility Room● Double Glazing● Bathroom With White Suite● Garage● Front And Rear Gardens
PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £165,000

MOORE CLOSE
NO UPWARD CHAIN ●EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Three Bedroom Semi Detached House ●Lounge & Dining Room ●Kitchen ●Garage ●Double Glazing ●Gas Central Heating ●Bathroom W/C ●Cul De Sac Location
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PERTON £139,950

REDUCED
GLENEAGLES ROAD
EPC Rating Is Grade C ●Two Bedroom Semi Detached House ●Lounge ●Modern Fitted Kitchen ●Gas Central Heating ●Double Glazing ●Driveway ●Front And Rear Gardens ●Cul De Sac Location
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PERTON £128,000

CANTERBURY DRIVE
EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Two Bedroom Semi Detached House ●Lounge & Dining Kitchen ●Double Glazing ●Gas Central Heating ●Bathroom With White Suite ●Driveway For Off Road Parking ●Front & Rear Gardens
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PERTON £135,000

NEW
ITCHEN GROVE
EPC Rating Is Grade C ●Two Bedroom Semi Detached House ●Lounge ●Kitchen/Dining Room ●Modern Bathroom W/C ●Rear Garden ●Driveway For Parking
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CODSALL £110,000

DAM MILL CLOSE
NO UPWARD CHAIN ●EPC Rating Is Grade C ●Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat ●Lounge/Kitchen Diner ●Bathroom With White Suite ●Double Glazing ●Gas Central Heating ●Allocated Off Road Parking
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- Large lounge
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- Conservatory
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- Double glazing & Central heating

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OXLEY
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- Family bathroom
- Rear garden
- Double glazing & Central heating
- Driveway & Garage

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- Family bathroom
- Rear garden with patio
- Double glazing & Central heating

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- Large lounge
- Fitted kitchen & Utility room
- Rear garden with patio area
- Double glazing & Central heating
- Driveway parking

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BUSHBURY
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- Three bedroom semi-detached
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- Fitted kitchen & Utility room
- Double glazing
- Rear garden with patio

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- Family bathroom
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EPC: D

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● Upvc d/glazing & gas c/heating
● Gardens to front rear & side ● Garage & off road parking
● No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £225,000

NEW PRICE

EPC: D

BELLAMY LANE
WEDNESFIELD

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. Bathroom with shower
. EPC D

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REDUCED

BILSTON
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EPC C

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. Lounge and fitted kitchen
. Delightful gardens
.EPC D

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. Lounge and fitted kitchen
. Garage and pleasant gardens
EPC D

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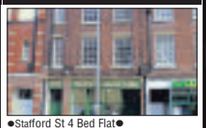

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£399,950

COALWAY ROAD MERRY HILL

An impressive and very spacious Detached Residence of much attraction having the considerable added benefit of a detached surgery presently in use as a Chiropody Clinic. The house offers: porch, hall, cloakroom, fine lounge/dining room, uPVC DG conservatory, well fitted kitchen, utility, 3 double bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, staircase to: loft room and study. CH & DG. Clinic comprises: waiting room with w.c. off and surgery, potential for other uses i.e: complimentary therapy/studio/office/possible accommodation for dependent relative or possible 4th bedroom with ensuite facility (subj to usual permissions). Energy Rating: D VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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MAGNOLIA COURT MUCHALL ROAD

A truly stunning and delightfully presented Penthouse Duplex Apartment of exceptional attraction standing in beautifully landscaped grounds in this highly sought after area. Hall entrance and inner hallway, fine lounge with French Doors to balcony, superbly fitted dining kitchen, two double bedrooms, ensuite shower room, deluxe bathroom, spiral staircase leads from the lounge to attractive galleried landing/bedroom 3/sitting room/study with large walk-in wardrobe and dressing room/play room off, CH, DG, secure covered parking area. No upward chain. Viewing highly recommended. Energy rating: C

£234,950

EAGLE STREET PENNFIELDS

A surprisingly spacious restyled Edwardian Terraced Family Residence of considerable appeal enjoying a very attractive setting in this highly popular road. Enclosed porch, impressive reception hall, cloakroom, fine interconnecting lounge/dining room, 25ft living kitchen, landing, large principal bedroom (would easily divide into two bedrooms), two further bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, private, sunny rear garden of generous size. Energy rating: D
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OVERFIELD DR SEDGEMOOR PK

A well presented and most appealing Detached House standing on a prominent corner plot on this modern estate well positioned for a wide range of local facilities. Tile canopy porch, hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, principal bedroom with ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage, lawned gardens. Energy rating: D

£189,995

CHURCH ROAD BRADMORE

A very spacious and most impressive Edwardian Semi Detached character Residence standing in a lovely garden setting in the popular St. Philips Conservation Area. The house is in need of some updating and redecoration but offers considerable potential. Tile canopy porch, hall, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, shower room, first floor landing, three double bedrooms, bathroom, attic room (potential bedroom 4), CH. Energy rating: E

£185,000

OAK ROAD BREWOOD

An extended Semi Detached Family House of much appeal enjoying a pleasant setting just off Vicarage Road and within walking distance of Brewood's picturesque village centre. Reception Hall, cloakroom with w.c., 'L' shaped Lounge, superbly fitted Kitchen opening out into Dining Area, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, Garage, Neatly laid out garden. No upward chain. Awaiting EPC.

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HIGHGROVE, WOOD ROAD

A most distinctive and attractively presented Retirement Cottage of considerable appeal enjoying a pleasant setting within this much sought after sheltered complex, standing in beautifully landscaped grounds. Open reception hall, cloakroom/shower room, fine lounge/dining area, refitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, majority double glazing, gas CH, private courtyard garden, allocated parking space. Energy rating: D

Offers £179,950

FINCHFIELD LANE FINCHFIELD

A much extended Semi Detached Family House in need of some updating but offering considerable scope for improvement, enjoying a pleasant setting in this highly popular area. Storm porch, hall, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, enclosed side lobby, cloakroom with w.c., four bedrooms, ensuite shower/wet room, family bathroom, uPVC DG, garage. Energy rating: E

£176,000

MERRIDALE ROAD

An extended and surprisingly spacious Semi Detached Family Residence of much attraction conveniently situated for the city centre and a wide range of local facilities. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, uPVC double glazed conservatory, extended breakfast kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage at the rear, generous sized gardens. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

£152,500

BIRCHES BARN AVENUE BRADMORE

An Edwardian Detached Double Fronted House in need of some updating and refurbishment enjoying a pleasant secluded setting in this very popular neighbourhood. Enclosed porch, hall, through living room, through sitting room, kitchen, verandah/rear lobby, two double bedrooms, bathroom, gas CH, part secondary and double glazing, front and side gardens (there is a very small rear garden), garage. No upward chain. Energy rating: F

Offers, guide £145,000

NEEDWOOD CL GOLDTHORN HILL

A most pleasing and well presented Mid Town House of much appeal attractively located off Goldthorn Road and handy for a wide range of local facilities. Hall, "L" shaped lounge/dining area, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazing, CH, beautifully laid out gardens. Energy rating: C

Offers £140,000

WIGHTWICK COURT WIGHTWICK

A delightfully presented and well appointed First Floor Apartment of considerable attraction, enjoying a lovely setting in this much sought after area. Excellent local shops, schools and recreational facilities are readily available and Wolverhampton City Centre and the University are within easy travelling distance. Communal entrance, shaped landing, private hall entrance, attractive "L" shaped lounge/dining area, well fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, electric heating, garage in nearby block, visitors and residents parking area, communal gardens. Energy rating: E

Offers £144,995

TETTENHALL ROAD

An altogether attractive and well appointed Ground Floor Apartment enjoying a lovely secluded setting in this fine Edwardian building, well positioned for a wide range of excellent local amenities. Stunning lounge with archway to fitted kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom, central heating, uPVC DG, communal parking and garden at the rear. Energy rating: E

Offers from £89,950

WAVENEY AVENUE PERTON

A pleasant First Floor Retirement Apartment enjoying an attractive setting only a short distance from Perton's excellent shopping centre. In need of a little updating and redecoration but offering much potential for improvement, the flat offers: lounge/dining area, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, allocated car parking space. Asking price based on a 70% shared ownership scheme with Jephson Housing Association. Energy Rating: D

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Saredon Hall Farm
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WOLVERHAMPTON £400,000

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Wolverhampton

Bushbury Lane
UNDER OFFER

BUSHBURY £125,000

A very well presented three bedroom property situated in a residential location. Accommodation briefly comprises of, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, guest w/c and garage. To the first floor, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms and family bathroom. To the outside the property has a garage, driveway and enclosed rear garden. The property has double glazing and gas central heating both where specified. EPC=awaiting

Wolverhampton

Windsor Road
UNDER OFFER

WOLVERHAMPTON £120000

A well presented semi-detached property situated in a residential location. Property briefly comprises of, entrance hall, dining room, extended lounge/living room and kitchen. To the first floor, three bedrooms and family bathroom. To the outside the property has a block paved driveway and to the rear an enclosed rear garden. Awaiting EPC

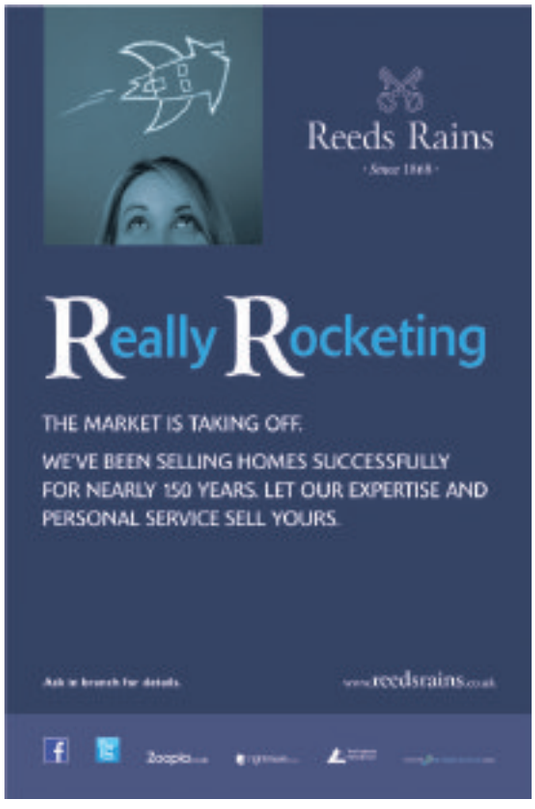
Wolverhampton

The Cottage
NEW

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE £335,000

Luxurious and well presented barn conversion, internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the character, charm and quality this accommodation has to offer. The barn can be further described as follows: Reception hall, Guest cloakroom,Impressive living room, Luxurious and spacious dinning room, Farm style breakfast kitchen, Master bedroom with en suite shower, Two further bedrooms, Well appointed family bathroom, Garage with enclosed walled gardens. EPC Grade = D

Wolverhampton



Willenhall Road
New Price

WOLVERHAMPTON £90,000

A well presented ground floor apartment built in 2005 being offered with no upward chain. The property is set in communal grounds and accommodation briefly comprises of, entrance hall, lounge with french doors to the rear, kitchen and two double bedrooms. The property has double glazing throughout and has allocated parking to the rear. EPC Grade = D

Wolverhampton

Broad Gauge Way
NEW

WOLVERHAMPTON £99,950

A well presented two bedroom apartment situated close to the city centre. Accommodation briefly comprises, entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen, master bedroom with en suite shower room, further bedroom and family bathroom. To the outside the property has allocated parking and secure intercom access. Please call Reeds rains on 01902 428888 to arrange a viewing today

Wolverhampton

Pope Road
NEW

BUSHBURY £89,995

A three bedroom mid-terraced property being offered with no upward chain situated in a residential location. Accommodation briefly comprise, entrance porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen, veranda and guest w/c.m To the first floor, three bedrooms and family bathroom. The property is need of some cosmetic refurbishment and would make an ideal first time buy or investment property. EPC = awaiting

Wolverhampton

Lime Street
New Price

PENNFIELDS £60,000

This terraced property situated in the heart of Pennfields, having access to the City Centre and excellent transport links and amenities. The property is in need of updating and briefly comprises two reception room, partly fitted kitchen and bathroom/wc to the ground floor and three bedrooms to the first floor. The property benefits from a rear garden and no upward chain. Available immediately. Awaiting EPC

Wolverhampton

Bunkers Hill Lane
NEW

BILSTON 120000

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached property that has been recently refurbished by the current owners. The accommodation briefly comprises, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen and bathroom. To the first floor, three bedrooms. To the outside the property has a paved patio area, lawned area with mature palnting and shrubs. EPC = awaiting

Wolverhampton

Hendon Avenue
NEW

WOLVERHAMPTON £185,000

A beautifully presented three bedroom detached property with canal side views. The property is set behind a privately gated entrance. Accommodation briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen and guest w/c. To the first floor, master bedroom with ensuite shower room, two further double bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside there are gates to the block paved driveway, detached garage and parking for a number of vehicles. EPC=awaiting

Wolverhampton

Bradley Lane
NEW

BILSTON £95,000

This traditional semi-detached property situated on the east side of Wolverhampton briefly comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, front reception room, lounge/dining room, kitchen with separate utility area and downstairs cloakroom/wc to the ground floor. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. Outside there is off road parking for a number of vehicles to the front. To the rear there is a lawned area giving access to a garage which is approached along a private gated entrance. The property benefits from central heating, double glazing and no upward chain. EPC Grade = E.

Wolverhampton

Wynn Road
NEW

PENN £180,000

THREE BEDROON DETACHED! Property in the highly sought after area of Penn in south-east Wolverhampton. Briefly comprising of two Reception rooms, large Conservatory, Kitchen, downstairs WC, 3 Bedrooms, family Bathroom, Utility room, it also has off-road parking and a large rear garden with decked outdoor living space. EPC=awaiting

Wolverhampton

Tumbler Grove
NEW

WOLVERHAMPTON £145,000

A very well presented semi-detached property with accommodation over three floors. The property briefly comprises, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, guest w/c, family bathroom, four bedrooms and two en suite shower rooms. To the outside the property has a mainly laid to lawn enclosed rear garden and off road parking to the front. Viewing is strictly through the selling agent. EPC Grade = C

Wolverhampton

Ryecroft Avenue
NEW

PENN £155,000

A traditional three bedroom semi-detached house situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac location in the sought after area of Penn. The property includes a good sized garden and a larger than average garage. Available to purchase with no upward chain. EPC Grade = D

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A lot of lazy reporting has given the impression that the BoE is fixated upon house price increases. In fact its focus is firmly upon the ramifications of raising interest rates. In the first 3 months of this year the proportion of mortgages issued at a loan to income ratio of over 4 crept up to 22%. More than the previous peak in 2007. Apparently, if interest rates rise by a meagre 3% then "nearly 20% of households with mortgages would need to take some form of action, such as curtailing significantly their spending or seeking to earn more" so its unsurprising that the Bank needs to rein in lending at high income multiples. On the lack of houses coming onto the market it says "This could reflect some prospective sellers holding back properties from the market in anticipation of higher prices." Hmmm!

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WIGHTWICK £439,000

HEATH HILL ROAD
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PENN £374,000

PENN ROAD
In a private yet convenient location South of the city. This period family residence of early Victorian design demonstrates former grandeur though it now needs a scheme of re-modernisation. In brief the 5 bed, 3 reception room property benefits from a cellar system, additional breakfast and garden rooms, utility and garage. No chain and offers invited, contact us for more information. (EPC 33 = F)

KINGSWINFORD £199,999

DENLEIGH ROAD
Detached, convenient for a wide range of amenities including schools & shops. Currently offering 3 bedrooms, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and WC etc. Radiator central heating and part UPVC double glazing (both where specified) driveway, stocked gardens and a double garage. Planning permission is granted for a substantial extension - plans are available to view. With no upwards chain, viewing is recommended. (EPC 55 = D)

PENN £199,000

WESTMINSTER AVENUE
Situated in the sought after South West of Wolverhampton and with extended and interesting accommodation that includes four bedrooms and perhaps of particular interest to some, those with kids and gardeners alike, will be the additional 'cottage garden' plot beyond the formal rear garden. Viewing is certainly recommended for full appreciation of its size and yet future potential. (EPC 42 = E)

PENN £179,995

ELMDALE ROAD
Set in a cul-de-sac in sought after Penn. A well-presented three bed semi-detached house with modernised interior and offering deceptively spacious accommodation to include extended kitchen and feature bathroom Plus DG & Radiator CH (Both where specified) and a driveway plus garage and garden. (EPC = TBC)

WILLENHALL £169,000

YALE ROAD
A modern three bedroom detached residence conveniently located for a range of local amenities including schools, road networks (convenient for the M6 and Black Country Route) and with ease of access to nearby Willenhall, Wolverhampton and Walsall. Benefits from rad CH & DG and detached garage. (EPC 72 = C)

BILSTON £165,000

MEADOW LANE
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PERTON £144,950

SANDOWN DRIVE
A well presented and recently redecorated semi detached home with deceptively spacious three bedroom accommodation benefiting from UPVC double glazing and partial radiator central heating, garden and driveway. With No Upwards Chain plus fixtures and fittings and new carpets included viewing is recommended. (EPC 64 = D)

BILBROOK £129,500

LIME TREE ROAD
Situated in a central position for the wide range of amenities and services that both Bilbrook and Codsall have to offer. In brief this terraced family home offers three bedrooms, two reception rooms and a conservatory with Radiator CH and UPVC DG where specified. There is a rear garden and frontage providing off road parking. Viewing is most highly recommended. (EPC 63 = D)

WOLVERHAMPTON £124,999

PRESTWOOD ROAD
This interesting and individual detached residence offers much potential. Though in need of a future scheme of re-modernisation this spacious property benefits from majority UPVC DG and Radiator CH (both where specified). The well-proportioned accommodation includes two reception rooms and three double bedrooms With garage, drive and gardens. Viewing is recommended and offers are invited for consideration. (EPC 21 = F)

BILSTON £119,950

BAILEY ROAD
Neatly tucked away with a deceptively big garden! This Three Bedroom Detached sits at the end of a cul de sac close to Metro and Buses. Two Reception, Kitchen and bath/wc. D/Glazing and gas C/heating. Driveway to parking/garage space. Great for caravan storage! No onward chain! (EPC 53 = E)

BILSTON £109,950

FIELDSIDE WALK
A very generous sized Three bed semi in a unique position directly facing fields. Very close to Villiers school and within a short walk of Bilston centre with it's leisure and shopping facilities. Hall, extra downstairs WC, lounge, Dining/Kitchen, Bathroom. Property also includes drive and single Garage at rear. DG and electric heating. (EPC 59 = D)

WEDNESFIELD £104,999

RYTON CLOSE
A desirable semi detached in a cul de sac with accommodation ideal for a variety of uses and including, hall, through lounge, large kitchen with utility, extra living/bedroom with wet room, 2 large further bedrooms plus bathroom. Convenient for New Cross, Bentley Bridge and transport links. Gas CH and DG. No Upward Chain. (EPC 61 = D)

DEANSFIELD £92,500

HILLSIDE GARDENS
A 3 bedroom semi-detached of potential. Situated to the East of the city thus convenient for New Cross, Bentley Bridge, and much more in the way of amenities plus leisure. The property has a driveway, lawns, UPVC DG & Rad CH (both where specified) and is offered with no upwards chain. (EPC 59=D)

WEDNESFIELD £74,950

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ELLIOTTS LANE CODSALL £560,000

This former gentleman's residence and coach house briefly comprises reception hall with original 'Coalbrookdale' staircase, cellar, utility, drawing room with cast iron stove, dining room with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen, sitting room with period cast iron fireplace, study/ music room, 4 bedrooms- master en-suite, house bathroom, driveway, detached double garage, private landscaped rear garden. EPC=E52

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YEW TREE LANE TETTENHALL £325,000

Tucked away in this delightful cul-de-sac this detached Dorma bungalow briefly comprises entrance hall, sitting room, dining area, breakfast kitchen, porch, ground floor master bedroom with en-suite, house bathroom, 2 further double bedrooms (one first floor), loft room which could subject to planning permission be converted, secure carport, garage with roller shutter door, private and mature gardens. EPC=D56

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OFFERS AROUND £575,000

PENN

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OFFERS AROUND £515,000

OAKEN

• Of interest to investors/developers/speculators • Two adjacent semi-detached residences in lovely position on the edge of highly favoured semi-rural village • Each property offering spacious three-bedroomed accommodation and each presently let under the terms of an assured shorthold tenancy agreement. (one shortly to become vacant) • Large gardens providing combined total plot area of almost half an acre and including the possibility of some development potential (subject to planning permission)

OFFERS INVITED IN THE REGION OF £450,000

CODSALL

• Excellent modern Detached residence particularly pleasantly positioned in select small cul-de-sac on the village outskirts • Spacious accommodation, well suited to comfortable family living and presented in immaculate order with high standard of appointment • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Lounge with elegant marble fireplace • Separate Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen with fine range of fittings and appliances plus coordinating utility adjoining • Master Bedroom with luxurious Shower Room en-suite • Four further Bedrooms • Principal Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage and generous driveway parking facilities • Neatly landscaped garden with special feature private patio area and principal aspects to south and west (EPC: C)

OFFERS AROUND £369,950

CASTLECROFT

• Exquisite Cottage-style Detached residence enjoying delightful position in select conservation area setting within highly favoured locality • Deceptively compact appearance conceals surprisingly spacious accommodation of immense character, beautifully presented with quality appointments • Two Principal Reception Rooms • Study • 21ft Breakfast/ Dining Area • Stylish Kitchen including high spec range cooker • Ground floor Master Bedroom with elegant Shower Room en-suite • Three well proportioned first floor Bedrooms • Family Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Majority double glazing • Garage/Utility plus forecourt parking • Lovely mature gardens, westerly aspect to rear (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £365,000

WOMBOURNE

THE HEATHLANDS • Superbly presented, stylishly upgraded and exceptionally roomy modern style 4 Bed Detached with Conservatory in corner position within consistently popular fringe of the village position, handy for excellent facilities • Lavish recent expenditure on improvements has created luxury home • Porch and Reception Hall • Refitted Cloaks • 20ft through Lounge • Study • Comprehensively refitted Kitchen and Dining Area • uPVC double glazed Conservatory • Master Bedroom with refitted En-Suite • 3 further good sized Bedrooms • Refitted House Bathroom • Gas CH & uPVC double glazing • Garage and Carport • Beautifully presented gardens with Pergola • Viewing highly recommended!! (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £325,000

COVEN

• Very attractive modern 'Cottage-style' Detached residence set in pleasant cul-de-sac location on the outskirts of semi-rural village with nearby motorway links enabling convenient commuting • Impressively proportioned accommodation is particularly well appointed and ideally suited to comfortable family living • Hall with fitted Cloakroom • Lounge with classical style marble fireplace • Separate Dining Room • Fully fitted Kitchen with adjoining Laundry • Spacious Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes and en-suite Shower Room • Three further Bedrooms (two with shared en-suite Shower Room facility) • Principal Bathroom with four-piece suite • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage plus forecourt parking facilities • Lawned gardens (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £295,000

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OFFERS AROUND £269,950

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OFFERS AROUND £249,950

TETTENHALL

• Elegant modern-style detached residence enjoying select setting in one of the city's most popular neighbourhoods, particularly well served by local amenities • Extended accommodation incorporates comfortably appointed specification • Porch and Hall • 28ft Living Room provides spacious Sitting Room with marble fireplace and archway to Dining Area • Conservatory • Neatly fitted Kitchen • Three double Bedrooms all with built-in wardrobes • Bathroom with shower and separate Toilet • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage and driveway parking facilities • Southerly aspect rear garden. (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

WOMBOURNE

THE BROADWAY • Stylishly upgraded, usefully enlarged and delightfully positioned 3 Bed Link-Detached situated just off Common Road convenient for the picturesque village centre, local facilities and schools • Versatile interior layout • Lounge • Extended 20ft Dining Room/Family Room • Refitted Breakfast Kitchen with integrated appliances • Inner Hall, Fitted Cloaks/Shower Room and Bedroom 2 with wardrobes • Two first floor Bedrooms, both with wardrobes and one with Dressing Room/Nursery off (potential for Shower Room) • Refitted House Bathroom with shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • 28ft Garage with electric door (EPC: D) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

OFFERS AROUND £219,995

GOLDTHORN PARK

• Very attractive traditional-style semi of extended three-four Bedroomed layout, pleasantly positioned in consistently popular neighbourhood • Significantly enlarged accommodation with much improved specification, some detailing remaining to be completed • Porch and Hall • Open plan Living Area providing bay-fronted Lounge and 20ft Sitting/Dining Room • Superb 21ft Kitchen with extensive range of fittings • Utility/Laundry and Cloaks/Shower Room • Three first floor Bedrooms • Spacious Bathroom • Second floor Studio/Playroom/potential fourth Bedroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage plus forecourt parking facility • Southerly aspect garden extending about 80ft to rear (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £209,950

CASTLECROFT

• Traditional-style detached residence offering newly refurbished accommodation in popular locality within the city's highly favoured western suburbs • Attractively presented throughout with well appointed speciation • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Two comfortably proportioned Living Rooms • 16ft Kitchen with good range of fittings and integrated appliances • Three Bedrooms • Spacious Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Small Garage • Driveway parking • 120ft rear garden. (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £199,950

WOMBOURNE

VAN DIEMANS ROAD Stylishly presented and usefully modified modern style 3 Bed Semi in prominent corner plot, convenient for local shopping and handy for other village facilities including schools • Roomy accommodation arranged over three floors • Entrance Porch and Hall • Lounge with ornate feature fireplace • Fitted Dining Kitchen with built-in oven, hob and hood • Two good sized first floor Bedrooms, both with wardrobes • Bathroom with white suite and shower • Spacious Attic Bedroom • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Lawned gardens to the front and side and paved at rear • Garage and off-road parking • Viewing recommended to appreciate layout (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £157,500

CODSALL

• Modern-style Terraced Townhouse nicely positioned adjoining landscaped green and with convenient access to village centre amenities • Neatly presented accommodation, appointed to good standard • Spacious Lounge with feature fireplace • Dining Room • Stylish Kitchen incorporating integrated oven/hob/hood • Three Bedrooms (largest with built-in wardrobe) • Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Lawned gardens (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £149,950

WOMBOURNE

SANDRINGHAM ROAD • Usefully enlarged 2 Bed Semi-Detached House conveniently positioned just off Planks Lane handy for local shopping and schools and not far from the picturesque village centre with its excellent facilities • Neatly presented accommodation with Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Side Hall • Cosy Living Room with fitted gas fire • Galley style Kitchen with built-in oven, hob and hood and adjoining Breakfast Area • Ground floor Bathroom with shower • 2 first floor double Bedrooms • Block paved driveway and Garage • Neat, easily manageable gardens (EPC: E) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

OFFERS AROUND £139,995

TETTENHALL

• Fine example of its type! Second floor Flat with pleasant outlook in exclusive locality and very conveniently placed for access to the Upper Green and its excellent amenities • Attractively presented accommodation with impressively appointed specification • Spacious Living Room • Smart contemporary-style Kitchen including range cooker • Two generously proportioned Bedrooms each with built-in wardrobe • Bathroom including shower • Electric heating • Double glazed windows • Garage in court to rear • Communal grounds • Long Leasehold • Ground Rent and Service Charge payable (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £129,950

WOMBOURNE

STATION ROAD • Conveniently positioned traditional style 3 Bed Semi in need of some updating and refurbishment but providing enormous scope to create a comfortable home, handy for all facilities • Recessed Porch and Entrance Hall • Two Reception Rooms, both with open fires • Refitted Kitchen • 3 Bedrooms • Modern Bathroom with white suite and shower • uPVC double glazing • 95ft long established garden to rear and off-road parking to front (EPC: F) • • UNEXPECTEDLY RE-OFFERED DUE TO LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION - NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

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OFFERS AROUND £120,000

TETTENHALL

• Particularly fine example of its type! Second floor apartment in this much favoured retirement complex set in lovely grounds and with very convenient access to amenities at the nearby Upper Green • Exceptionally well presented accommodation enjoying especially comfortable standard of appointment • 19ft Living Room with Adam style marble feature fireplace • Superb Kitchen with excellent range of contemporary-style fittings and integrated appliances • Two Bedrooms, each with both fitted and built-in wardrobes • Elegant fully tiled Shower Room • Electric heating • Double glazed windows • House manager and emergency call system • Leasehold. Ground Rent and Service Charge payable • Minimum age restriction 60 years (EPC: D)

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Rear-wheel drive thrills that won't break bank

By Iain Dooley

The performance-focused 2 Series injects some welcome sparkle into BMW's new compact coupe line-up.

What's new?: This M235i variant is the quick version of BMW's new 2 Series Coupe. Since a recent naming reshuffle, you're excused for thinking that you're looking at a 1 Series Coupe. Honestly, this is the 'new' 2 Series.

And for buyers seeking proper rear-wheel drive thrills without having to sell a kidney, the M235i is the closest most of us will get to a similar car sporting an 'M' badge. Yes, an M2 is on the way but, until then, you've got the M235i – likely a more rounded and sensible choice if you've only got space for one performance BMW in your life.

Looks and image: It's not difficult to tell the difference between this M235i and a cooking diesel variant. The former has clearly been at the box marked Shredded Wheat, what with its beefy bodykit, low and purposeful stance plus those equally businesslike chunky wheels and tyres.

It's a little less in-your-face in the car's cabin, but the sports seats, M car-like steering wheel and subtle graphics ensure you don't forget what this car is capable of. Crucially, for all the talk about genuine M cars, this M-lite version offers a good balance of comfort and sportiness in the real world.

Space and practicality: If there's one thing that the M235i does share with its slower siblings, it's the fac

t that it's a surprisingly practical car for a compact coupe. Granted, space for rear seat occupants is less than great, but it boasts a good size boot and there's ample storage space in the cabin for all the tat associated with leading an active life.

Embraced

Behind the wheel: From being a maker of rev-happy cars, BMW has fully embraced turbocharging with its latest range of performance motors.

The M235i is no different, and its 3.0-litre straight-six petrol engine benefits from turbocharging to the tune of 322bhp. That figure is plenty to get you to the horizon in a hurry, while the rasping from the exhaust ensures your journey is always entertaining.

Crucially the M235i is a doddle to drive at modest speeds, while pushing harder reveals a car eager to please. Only when you really lean on it, does it show its hand as a hooligan.

That trick BMW approved tuning bits can be bought to further enhance the experience should please the hardcore fans, while you'll also want to pay a little extra for the slick eight-speed auto gearbox as the six-speed manual 'box lacks polish.

Value for money: It's all relative of course, but in the world of premium hot hatches – or coupes – the M235i should be at the top of your shopping list. It possesses great road manners, is fun and engaging and is docile enough to double as regular transport to the shops and the office.

Base trim is a little, well, basic, but you'd be wise to spend your cash on the extra tuning bits instead of fancy paint or gadgets.

Who would buy one?: Anyone who's been raised on a diet of hot hatches will like the M235i. It's a mature evolution of the breed yet retains that all-important 'edge' to keep you interested away from the city limits.

Thankfully its low-key looks don't scream performance so you'll rarely turn heads – good news if you want to have some fun but not telegraph it to every man and his dog.

Plus it's rear-wheel rive, which is an important characteristic in a world full of million horsepower front-drive hot hatches.

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Freelander a class act

By David Banner

Land Rover has unveiled the most luxurious and best equipped Freelander ever – and despite all the extra kit it costs less than the previous flagship of the range.

And we know there will never be a better Freelander because the model is due to be replaced next year by the Discovery Sport.

Most manufacturers produce special editions during a model's run-out period, and in this case it's the £35,995 Metropolis which builds on the previously top-of-the-range HSE Lux with premium Windsor leather, electrically-adjustable seats, a panoramic sunroof, xenon headlights, a reversing camera, premium metallic paint, gloss black interior highlights and new 19in alloy wheels.

Launched at the Windsor Horse Show, it heads up a completely revised Freelander range, with new trim levels and power train options.

It should boost Freelander sales at a time when the popularity of compact SUVs is still growing, as is the choice and sophistication of the competition.

That said, the Freelander 2 already has the advantage of being instantly recognisable as a product of the iconic marque, with styling cues taken from the Discovery and of course, the Range Rover.

For many that makes it an object of desire, and does secondhand values no harm at all.

Off-roader

The 4x4 Freelander is a serious off-roader, but it's also roomy and comfortable everyday transport on the road: and in the case of the Metropolis downright luxurious. It's the ultimate Freelander, in a range which has been moving further upmarket with each successive revision.

Driver and passengers can relax in the plush leather and in air conditioned comfort, while enjoying the same high-powered surround sound system fitted to top Jaguar models.

A central colour touch-screen provides compact and easy-to-use controls for the satnav, audio and Bluetooth telephone systems.

It is, naturally, powered by the top engine in the range, the 190PS, 2.2-litre, four-cylinder diesel which can take it from a standstill to 62mph in under ten seconds and average a little over 40mpg.

The smooth and responsive automatic transmission is standard: you have to concentrate to even feel the changes which adds to the car's upmarket feel.

That feeling is echoed in the interior: not just the Metropolis extras but the styling cues on the instruments and controls which just scream Range Rover.

A previous makeover simplified the switchgear, removing for example the big 'Terrain Response' knob so that there's now just one switch allowing you to scroll through a menu of settings which govern how the gears, throttle and steering respond best in any given conditions.

Land Rover prides itself on the superior off-road capabilities of all its cars and the Freelander is no exception. But long gone are the days of the Series I's rough ride resulting from the necessarily beefy, long travel suspension.

Now they have to compete with the comfort and ride quality of their less versatile rivals on the road where, let's face it, SUVs will spend most of their time.

The Freelander soaks up the bumps, with a smooth, saloon car-like ride while the engine is refined and quiet. High-speed cornering in a high vehicle like this inevitably means some body roll, but it's not enough to cause discomfort.

If the original Freelander was the baby of the range, the Freelander 2 is the teenager because it grew in all directions, so it's now not all that far behind its more expensive siblings in terms of room for five passengers. The 755 litres of boot space makes it useful family transport and by folding down the three rear seats you can extend that to 1,670 litres. The towing limit is 2,000kg.

Electric windows and mirrors, split/fold rear seats, rear parking sensors, and electronic safety systems such as dynamic stability control are standard across the new Freelander range, which consists of five models.

All are now powered by the same turbo-diesel engine, with three trim levels (including Metropolis) – the other two both come with manual or auto gearbox options. The new line-up starts from £27,765.

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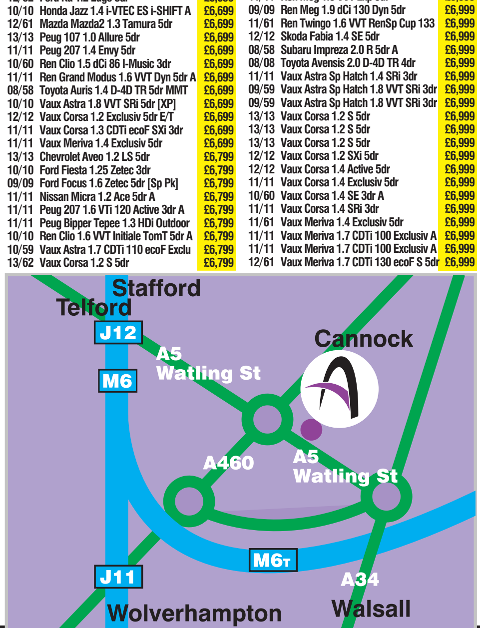

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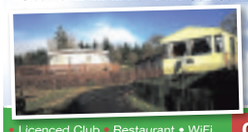

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1. Staffordshire County Council on 08 July 2014 made a Traffic Order under Sections 82(2) and 83(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, which imposes a 30 mph speed limit on the following lengths of roads:-

   Offoxey Road, Tong Road, Kiddemore Green Road – Bishops Wood – from the County Boundary with Shropshire, approximately 60 metres west of the junction with Ivetsey Bank Road, to a point approximately 350 metres south east of the junction of Old Coach Road, an overall distance of approximately 690 metres.

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   Ivetsey Bank Road, Bishops Wood – at a location approximately 30 metres north of the junction of Old Weston Road, in a southerly direction to a location approximately 65 metres south of the junction of Tong Road and Offoxey Road, an overall distance of approximately 762 metres.

2. This Order is called the Staffordshire County Council (Restricted Roads) (Ivetsey Bank Road, Old Coach Road, Offoxey Road, Tong Road and Kiddemore Green Road, Bishops Wood) Order 2014.

3. Full details of the Order, together with a map showing the restricted areas, may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Place; 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP and during normal opening hours at Brewood Library, Newport Road, Brewood, Staffordshire or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.

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Men seeking women

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Men seeking men

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Women seeking Women

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Boss will hang on to middle players

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has insisted no 'middle men' will be allowed to leave this summer – despite having a team of midfielders and wingers.

Jackett is happy to allow Tongo Doumbia and Razak Boukari to find new clubs during the current transfer window.

But he wants midfielders Kevin McDonald, Lee Evans, Jack Price, Tommy Rowe, David Davis and Dave Edwards, plus wingers James Henry, Michael Jacobs, Bakary Sako and Rajiv Van La Parra, as well as one of Zeli Ismail and Eusebio Bancessi, to battle it out for five slots in the new season.

Asked if there would be any departures apart from the unwanted players, head coach Jackett said: "I don't think so. If I'm looking at Kevin McDonald and Lee Evans finishing the season in the two central midfield positions, Jack Price had a lot of games and David Davis a few in terms of the senior lads.

"And we have Tommy Rowe coming in as well. In terms of the wide areas we have James Henry, Michael Jacobs, Bakary Sako and Rajiv Van La Parra, perhaps Zeli Ismail or Eusebio Bancessi, and then the option of Jacobs behind the striker.

Battling Wolves overcome by Pirates

Speedway

A TYPICALLY determined effort from Wolverhampton was not enough to prevent them from slipping to a narrow 49-41 defeat against star-studded Poole at Wimborne Road.

The Monmore men put in a gutsy performance in what was always set to be a tough clash, yet they fell agonisingly short of a consolation point to show for their efforts.

Wolves were playing catch-up from the start as some slow starting saw them concede a 5-1 in the opening race of the night, and when Poole doubled their lead in heat five Wolves' chances looked bleak.

Yet Piotr Pawlicki prevailed in a sensational battle with brother Przemyslaw to take second place behind Tai Woffinden in heat six to keep them within touching distance before reserves Tom Perry and Joe Jacobs performed the same task in heat nine. However, the Pirates stormed to a vital 5-1 of their own just before the interval to swing the momentum back in their favour before sealing victory and all three points in heat 14.

Despite seeing their chances of a consolation point ended, Woffinden and Pawlicki again combined in heat 15 to salvage more pride from what was already brave effort.

Both Woffinden and Pawlicki fought tremendously to lead the side superbly, yet they were left desperately short of back-up.

Swedish youngster Jacob Thorssell endured a torrid introduction to life in the third heat-leader position, and with Ty Proctor struggling in the No.2 position Wolves' middle order was left dangerously exposed. Ricky Wells added a solid six points – including a tremendous win in heat seven after charging past Josh Grajczonek – but they lacked a third big-hitter to support the top two.

Reserves Perry and Jacobs exceeded expectations in an encouraging display for Peter Adams' men.

Poole: Darcy Ward 11+1, Josh Grajczonek 10+2, Vaclav Milik 10, Kyle Newman 7+1, Maciej Janowski 6+1, Przemyslaw Pawlicki 5+2, Ben Hopwood 0.

Wolves: Tai Woffinden 11+1, Piotr Pawlicki 9+2, Joe Jacobs 6+1, Tom Perry 6+1, Ricky Wells 6, Jacob Thorssell 2, Ty Proctor 1+1.

Wolves boss Peter Adams admitted he was disappointed to see the lack of a big-hitting third heat-leader cost his side, although he praised reserves Tom Perry and Joe Jacobs for their hard-fought contributions.

Overall, he remained encouraged by the display against a strong Poole team.

Said Adams: "It's disappointing obviously to have got so close to a point and to have left with nothing. At the halfway stage I thought we looked good for at least a point, but Poole is a tough place to come and they have a lot of quality in their team.

"Both the reserves did excellently and if someone had told me before the meeting they'd score the points they did I'd have been very confident of getting a point, but we needed someone else to step up and get double figures.

"We've got two very strong riders at the top end of our team but we are short of that third heat-leader. I'm suitably encouraged to have got as close as we did.

Parra can ease into new life at Wolves

WOLVES new boy Rajiv Van La Parra has been told he can ease himself into life in the Championship.

The flying Dutch winger checked in at Molineux ready to challenge James Henry, Michael Jacobs and Bakary Sako for a place in Kenny Jackett's line-up.

But with all three of his rivals experienced in the Championship – Jackett stressed Van La Parra is under no pressure to hit the ground running when the action starts for real next month.

"Rajiv has come in with no apparent pressure because there's time for him to bed in because we have experienced players in his position who have played in the Championship before," said the head coach.

"Every player would want to be playing all of the time.

"He hasn't necessarily got (the insurance of having the other three wingers) but I have and the club have.

"For example, James Henry has played in the Championship for me and played very well."

But Jackett has no doubts that the 23-year-old from Heerenveen will make the transition to the Championship. "The bottom line is I think he is good enough to do that."

City league honours players at big night

THE Wolverhampton City Netball league held its annual dinner dance and presentation evening at Goodyear's Pavilion, Fordhouses.

At the venue 175 people honoured the winning teams, runners-up and individuals with awards presented by guest of honour, Colette Thomson, former international player and England Coach.

The league sent their many congratulations to Colette on her recent award of an MBE for services to netball.

Netball

An Australian National Team Dress, signed by all the Australian Netball team and donated by MrsThomson, was auctioned off for £60.

The club sent thanks to president Mrs Margaret Castle and three vice-presidents, Jean Smith (Veejays Trophies), Janet Wrighton MBE – president of EN, and James Royall.

Congratulations went to the award winners of the 2013-14 season who were as follows: Division 1 winners – Sapphets;Div 1 runners-up Chasetown A; Division 2 winners – Libra Lea; Div 2 runners-up Fusion; Division 3 winners – Phoenix Hornets; Div 3 runners-up Whitmore T; Division 4 winners – Whitmore A; Div 4 runners-up Libra Lea Navy; Division 5 winners – Fusion Flames; Div 5 runners-up Blaze. Best league goal average – Libra Lea.

Handicap tournament winners – Phoenix Scorpions; runners-up Phoenix Hornets.

Open KO winners – Whitmore X; runners-up Sam 3.

Non-winners from the Open KO winners – Whitmore X; KO runners-up Ladybirds.

Plate KO winners Fusion Flames; KO runners-up Wordsley Storks.

Players' player Division 1 – Sam Barnett Sam 3; Players' player Division 2 – K Dulay Ladybirds; Players' player Division 3 – T Haycock Wordsley S, S Howells Whitmore T; Players' player Division 4 J Walters Thundercats; Players' player Division 5 – Sonia Raj Blaze.

Downes Award –Wordsley Storks; Umpire of the Year – Lorraine Shail; Novice Umpire – Debbie Owen, Emma Owen, Demi Watson; Umpires' Umpire – Caroline Dobson and Linda Thomas; Sportswoman of the Year – T Beech Sedgley S, L Fones Whitmore Y; Sportsgirl of theYear – (U21) Hannah Weston Sam 5

SportsmanshipTeam – Crescent.

Under-16 Player Award – S Lycett Chasetown B, Rebecca Tilt Phoenix Scorpions, H Owen Sam 4, E Heath Whitmore A.

Julio KO Winners – Chasetown A; KO runners-up Ladybirds.

Long Playing Award – T Arnold Crescent, G Beards Whitmore, S Parkes Whitmore.

Top Shot competition winners – S Fullwood Sam 2, H Weston Sam 5, H Wilkes Chasetown B. Open shoot competition winners – Stephanie Parkes.

Secretary of the Year – Clare Egan Blaze. Chic Team Award – Blaze

Mervyn predicts good days ahead for the Baggies

New recruit Mervyn Day checks in at Albion and is predicting a bright future for the club

MERVYN DAY is predicting a bright future for Albion after he was unveiled as the club's new head of recruitment.

The 59-year-old former West Ham, Leeds and Villa keeper arrives having left his role as head of scouting and recruitment at Brighton at the end of last season.

And Day, who will work alongside new technical director Terry Burton and head coach Alan Irvine to identify transfer targets, said: "This is a magnificent opportunity for me and I'm really looking forward to it. "I've known Terry and Alan for a number of years from coaching courses and being in opposition dugouts.

"There is a nice feel to the club, it's an exciting challenge and the infrastructure is here to go onto bigger and better things."

Day has effectively taken the place of controversial analyst Dave McDonough, who left last season having risen to the role of director of technical performance and scouting and overseen an unsuccessful transfer window last summer and the appointment of Pepe Mel as head coach.

Day has also coached in the Premier League, having worked as Alan Curbishley's assistant manager at Charlton and West Ham,

Burton said: "I'm delighted we've been able to appoint Mervyn.

"He's well-respected in the game and scouts who have worked under him speak highly of him as a man of integrity and trust.

"He comes here with a wealth of experience."

Banks's 'is perfect' for rising stars

JAMES CHAMBERS has told Walsall's young guns they are in the right place if they want to fulfil their potential.

The veteran defender admits he is excited by the latest crop of players to emerge from Saddlers' youth system.

While Dean Smith's team already has a young spine thanks to the presence of Paul Downing, Sam Mantom and Romaine Sawyers, there is a further group of homegrown players ready to emerge.

Reece Flanagan, Kieron Morris and Jake Heath will all be looking to make their mark on the first team in the coming League One campaign.

Chambers believes the Banks's stadium is an ideal place for them to begin their professional careers.

"There are a lot of young players here and the talent," he said. "It will be interesting for the fans to see these players as they progress."

Cook is back at Saddlers

WALSALL have signed striker Jordan Cook on a two-year deal.

The 24-year-old, who had a loan spell at the Banks's during the 2010/11 campaign, has joined the Saddlers after two years with Charlton Athletic.

He becomes manager Dean Smith's fourth signing of the summer and the second for the forward line, after the Saddlers previously swooped for Shrewsbury Town's Tom Bradshaw.

"I'm really excited to be back," said Cook.

Smith said: "Jordan is a player who will score. He brings us something that we didn't have last season."

Sapphets take the top spot

AS the Wolverhampton City Netball League draws to a close, Sapphets again unbeaten all season, take the top spot in Division 1, continuing their winter league success, beating runners up Whitmore X 28-20.

Lucas pulled out all the stops to win their match against Chasetown A 26-19.

Sam 3 took the title in Divison 2, overpowering Cresta 29-14. Libra Lea White taking second place.

Whitmore Y silenced Sedgley Sirens to secure top spot in Division 3 with Phoenix having to settle for the runners up spot. Oddessy had a close contest with Crescent, mother and daughter Dawn Bowen (Crescent) and Abbie (Oddessy) facing each other with Oddessy eventually taking the points 25-21.

Dolls are top of Division 4 with Whitmore T runners up.

Division 5 saw Whitmore J topping the group with Thundercats only one point behind.

Baggies building goes on with Baird deal

ALBION continued the stocking up of next season's squad with the signing of utility specialist Chris Baird.

The 32-year-old Northern Ireland international was due to complete a Bosman transfer after finishing last season helping Burnley clinch their promotion to the Premier League.

The low-key transfer is unlikely to do much to pacify the grumbles among Baggies fans fretting about an Albion rebuild which sees Baird added to the recruitments of Joleon Lescott and Craig Gardner.

Baird, who has developed a reputation as a flexible footballer capable of playing across all the defensive positions and midfield, appears to be a 'like-for-like' replacement for Steven Reid, who has not been retained by Albion and signed for Burnley.

But he will be signing with the personal endorsement of his international team mates Chris Brunt and Gareth McAuley.

A Northern Ireland regular since 2003 who had a spell on loan at Walsall, Baird will provide an immediate option in the full-back positions in which the club are still short of specialists.

But the Baggies are still working on adding to their numbers as new head coach Alan Irvine today meets up with his squad for the first time since his appointment.

Albion Technical Director Terry Burton is still heading the hunt for as many as six more new signings in a summer of radical change for the club.

Albion still haven't given up on signing Monaco's 24-year-old forward Emmanuel Rivière, the French youth and Under 21 international. That has seen the club step up interest in Burkina Faso forward Prejuce Nakoulma, who at 27 is a free agent after being released by Polish side Gornik Zabrze.

Nakoulma scored 24 goals in 87 games in three years at Zabrze and also has four goals in 16 games for Burkina Faso.

But they are not the statistics of a high-class forward to appease Albion fans still unconvinced about the appointment of Irvine.

Baird's CV is solid enough but while it is a practical signing it is unlikely to soften the voices of critics accusing the club of a lack of ambition.

But he arrives having previously been a target for Roy Hodgson, under whom he enjoyed his best football while playing at Fulham under the former Albion boss. He began his career at Southampton, where he made 68 appearances between 2001 and 2007 before moving to Fulham, where he enjoyed a successful six-year spell.

Meanwhile, Albion chairman Jeremy Peace has confirmed that his control of the club has now gone past 75 per cent.

Peace has bagged a further 905 from Albion's dwindling number of independent shareholders. They accepted his offer of £3,000 per ordinary share.

But it is understood that other shareholders have indicated a willingness to sell and as a result Peace is extending the deadline for a further two weeks. It has led to speculation among fans that he is preparing to sell the club – but it is understood that there are no buyers waiting in the wings.

Tai will lead the GB riders

TAI WOFFINDEN spearheads the 10-man Great Britain squad for speedway's World Cup announced by new team boss Alun Rossiter.

'Rosco' must select four for the big night at King's Lynn on Saturday, July 26.

But Wolves' world champion Woffinden, already named as captain, will surely be an automatic selection along with Coventry's Chris Harris, the only other Briton currently riding in the Grand Prix series.

"I'm bound to have upset some people ," said Rossiter."But in this position you have to stand by the decisions you make."

Baxendale targets a big role at Saddlers

JAMES BAXENDALE has targeted a regular starting place for Walsall after admitting he is "itching" for the season to start.

The 21-year-old attacking midfielder wants to play a big role for the Saddlers after experiencing fluctuating fortunes last term.

After a bright start, Baxendale found himself in and out of the side over the second half of the campaign, as he was dogged by indifferent form and a niggling injury.

And he admits greater consistency must be his target this time around.

"You are excited for next season and the way I feel I am itching for next season," he said.

"I was consistently OK, while there were patches where I was really good.

"I have to get to be really good every week next season and obviously I am going to do everything in my power to make that happen."

The former Leeds youth teamer is seen as a key part of the future by Smith having signed a three-year deal last summer.

"Obviously the club have put faith in me and I have put faith in the club," he said.

Jaffer does the century for fourth time

Danescourt Diary

WOLVERHAMPTON travelled to Shifnal on Saturday in the Birmingham and District Cricket Premier League for match which saw one of Wolves' star players hit another century.

Winning the toss Wolves elected to bat and a strong line-up again saw a fourth century for Wassim Jaffer, 112 ,ably supported by Karl Quiney to help hit 271-5 off 55 overs.

Shifnal made a good fist of this total and were sailing towards levellingl with the loss of only two wickets but the introduction of slow bowler Andy Bowyer halted their progress. He took 5-55 and the opposition finished at 239-8 a useful 15 points for a winning draw and leaving Wolves third in the table.

Wolverhampton's second 11 also achieved 15 points for a winning draw after being put in to bat by a strong Himley second 11.

Wolves scored 195-8 from 50 overs thanks to solid batting from Nield 49, Jaswal 47, and Vadiya 40.

In reply Himley off their 50 overs were 144-8 again as last week veteran Alan Chapman took four wickets for 19 runs.

In the Staffs cup league Wolves' thirds, the Danes played Wightwick & Finchfield second 11.

With tight bowling from skipper Tariq Ali who took four for 25 in his 15 overs they restricted the opposition to 203-6 but steady batting by Jack Lewis, Barri Sultan 65no and again the skipper 21no saw the Danes home with a good win and one over to spare.

Wolves' Fourths played Beacon Seconds and found the opposition too strong as they scored 288 declared in 45 overs.

For the reply Wolves were only 216-7 and that's thank to El Sid 81, Naveed Akram 40 and Rohit Tengugu 39 not forgetting Skipper Raza Esk Boycott who batted 33-16 no to gain a good losing draw.

Finally Springhill Firsts were far too strong for Wolves' Fifths the Wergs they posted a good score of 267-7 but the Wergs were bowled out for 70 from 24 overs with the handicap of only having 10 players and only two seniors against a team of men.

Next week the first team are at home against Smethwick with the game starting at noon.

Top form by Tonks boosts Beacon

Tales from The Bratch

MATT TONKS served up a top drawer performance as Beacon moved into third place in the Staffs Clubs Premier Division.

All-rounder Tonks shone with bat and ball to help fire his side to a tense xx-run success over basement boys Coseley.

Tonks top-scored with 63 out of Beacon's total of 245-8 from their 50 overs, gaining support from skipper Roger Fildes (58) and Michael Brooks (50).

Some stubborn resistance from Coseley threatened to check Beacon's victory charge, but Tonks came to the rescue with a flurry of late wickets on his way to figures of 5-34 to clinch the win as the visitors were dismissed for 157 with two overs remaining.

The third XI suffered a seven-wicket reverse at Hawkins Cannock & Rugeley. Shaun Laban (23) and Craig Cartwright (21) were the only batsmen to reach double figures as Beacon were rolled over for 91. Hawkins then eased to victory inside 20 overs. Beacon's fourths powered to a resounding 158-run success against Rugeley.

Beacon's Seconds tasted defeat at home going down by four wickets l to Astwood Bank.

Decision over Doyle will be last minute

KEVIN DOYLE has returned to Wolves with head coach Kenny Jackett insisting he will leave it until the last moment to decide whether to take him on pre-season tour.

Doyle was due back at Compton this week with Stephen Ward and Bakary Sako, who were given extra time off after playing in end-of-season internationals.

Wolves depart for a five-day tour of Ireland on Sunday, with the head coach admitting there won't be any surprises in his selection for the trip.

But while Ward is likely to be left behind as he looks to settle his future and Brighton looking like his destination, Doyle's seems more unclear, especially as Wolves are yet to sign a striker after missing out on Bournemouth-bound Callum Wilson at the weekend.

Wolves haven't received any enquiries for the one-time club-record £6m signing, despite QPR boss Harry Redknapp saying he wanted to sign the 30-year-old who he had on loan last season.

Jackett said: "It's pretty much the first team squad from the end of last season – it looks pretty much set that way.".

"As for Kevin, I don't know yet. It very much depends on what happens. We still have a week. Kevin and Stephen Ward are back today and I'll speak to them then.

"I'll see what type of offers Kevin has and where he sees things progressing. I'll assess it as I go along. But I won't hesitate to use him if I think it's the right thing.

"In terms of the group and the squad for Ireland, I'll keep it open right up until the end."

Football

Doyle briefly figured among the 'bomb squad' of unwanted players last summer before working his way back into favour.

"Yes and I wouldn't hesitate with any of them if I think it's the right thing to use them, particularly centre-forwards," said the boss.

"I'll keep open on that one (Doyle) and won't make a decision right now. The players' options, the players' views and the options from our point of view, will all be taken into consideration."

"But it's very quiet – we haven't had any enquiries.

"I didn't involve him (Doyle) in the second half of last season and the players responded well, particularly Nouha Dicko, who got a lot of goals.

"So I'll hold my judgement with regards to Kevin and I'll certainly speak to him this week."

As the friendlies start, Wolves are away to Cheltenham Town on Friday, kick-off 7.45pm before heading to Ireland to play Shamrock Rovers on Monday.

Jordanne is new Wimbledon champion

Jordanne Whiley, left, and Yui Kamiji celebrate winning the ladies' wheelchair doubles title at Wimbledon

THE Black Country can boast it's very own Wimbledon champion thanks to Jordanne Whiley.

The talented 22-year-old from Halesowen took the ladies' wheelchair doubles title with partner Yui Kamiji of Japan.

The pair beat Dutch duo Jiske Griffioen and Aniek van Koot – the two-time defending champions – to scoop the title and shared the prize of £12,000.

Whiley and Kamiji, the number one seeds, avenged their loss in the 2013 final with a 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory.

Jordanne was cheered on by her parents Keith and Julie and boyfriend Marc. "I was really nervous and disappointed the first set didn't go our way," said Miss Whiley, now of Uxbridge.

"I put a towel over my head, thought that I will only get one shot at a Wimbledon final and that was the turning point." When Kamiji and Whiley made it 6-5 in the third set, Whiley thought she might be sick on the court. She said: "I said to Yui I thought I was going to vomit because I felt excited, nervous and was so scared. ."

Whiley was born with brittle bone disease, the same condition as her father Keith who was a bronze medallist at the 1984 Paralympics. She has broken her legs 26 times.

Spaniards on trial at Saddlers

WALSALL are ready to welcome two Spanish trialists as Dean Smith closed in on another forward signing.

The duo have been summoned following the manager's close season scouting trip to Spain and will be put through their paces with the Saddlers this week.

Working with one of the division's tightest playing budgets, Smith has always been keen to explore new ways of finding players and that was the motivation behind the Spanish mission.

He admits both players could be signed up should they impress during the trial.

But one player who won't be signing at the Banks's for next season is Milan Lalkovic.

Battle starts to keep the Brummies

PASSIONATE Birmingham speedway supporters have set up a fighting fund to try and keep the club going.

With the future of the Perry Barr Brummies looking bleak, supporters desperate to keep their club on track have already raised over £5,000 .

Whilst progress so far has been superb, they are appealing for donations to keep coming as they look to enable speedway to continue in the city.

Contributions can be made by PayPal, bank transfer or cheque, with all monies returned or passed on to the Speedway Riders' Benevolent Fund should the club fold. More details can be found on www.brummie-speedway.net.

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Image of me unfair insists Villa No.2Keane

NEW Villa assistant manager Roy Keane has insisted his reputation as a ranter and raver is unfair.

The Irishman, who will also continue as No.2 to Martin O'Neill with the Ireland squad, has been keen to make a return to the day-to-day workings of football since being sacked as Ipswich manager in January 2011.

Keane has had his fair share of bust-ups with the likes of Sir Alex Ferguson and Mick McCarthy, and the Sunderland players allegedly celebrated when they heard of his departure as manager.

But the former Manchester United skipper insists he will have no problem getting on with the Villa squad.

"I think it is a bit unfair but it doesn't keep me awake at night," he said when questioned about his reputation.

"I suppose it is part of the image which has been built up over the years, particularly through the media – although I have had one or two incidents.

"In terms of working with the players I've worked with lads over a long period of time without any issues but, having said that, you have to be ready to have disagreements with people particularly if you all want the same things."

Brummies forced to fold

BIRMINGHAM Brummies speedway team has folded.

The announcement comes after the decision of promoter Alan Phillips to pull out of the club. It means the club will be removed from the Elite League and its records expunged for this season.

The Brummies, who lost their last fixture 56-39 away to Belle Vue on Monday night, were formed in 2007 and are currently second from bottom of the table.

But it is hoped speedway can continue at Perry Barr in some format.

A statement from the British Speedway Promoters' Association read: "The Association can confirm the annulment of Birmingham Brummies Ltd, the Birmingham Speedway promotion.

"This is a decision made in accordance with the speedway regulations."

Cassidy signs new contract at Molineux

Football

JAKE CASSIDY is the latest Wolves player to sign a new contract as the club look to avoid another 'Sam Vokes scenario'.

The 21-year-old striker has penned a one-year deal with a 12-month option in the club's favour – but he will be loaned out to a leading League One club for the new season to continue his development.

Cassidy joins Carl Ikeme, Richard Stearman and Dave Edwards in committing their Molineux futures this summer as the pre-season gets under way in earnest.

Wolves hope the two years' 'insurance' are enough for Cassidy to show enough quality to persevere with him.

The club are anxious to prevent a repeat of two years ago when Vokes was sold to Burnley for £500,000.

Last season, his 21 goals helped the Clarets win promotion to the Premier League.

"Jake has signed a new deal," said head coach Kenny Jackett.

"Patience is something and players can change from one season to the next, so you have to consider re-signing them.

"It's part of the factor of keeping players. It's something you can do and defer the (eventual career) decision while they gain experience.

"For us as well, centre-forward is a different position and you should have options because it's difficult during the season sometimes to get forwards in.

"You can end up paying over the odds to cover yourself, particularly if you've got a chance of achieving something.

"So calling back a younger player from a loan is a good option," added boss Jackett.

Cassidy's record is not an enviable one as he has not scored in 25 appearances for Wolves and only netted once in 19 games on loan at relegated Tranmere last season.

But Jackett believes that Cassidy could flourish at a higher-placed League One club.

"If you can get young players a good loan it's worthwhile," he said.

"We've had enough enquiries, so we can loan him out for him to keep improving.

"He'll do a pre-season here and then we'll consider it."

Wolves are set to sign Fulham winger Mehki Leacock-McLeod, 17, for their academy and Under-21s squad.

WILSON NOT WORTH £3m TO THE WOLVES

KENNY JACKETT has hinted Wolves withdrew from the race to sign Callum Wilson because they didn't think he was worth £3m.

The 22-year-old striker was understood to be their No.1 target before he opted to join Bournemouth from Coventry for £3m at the weekend.

Football

"If a player is there right now, or at any time, and we can get them at the right price, we'll do it," said Jackett.

Asked specifically about Wilson, the head coach said: "I'm not going to talk about other teams' players, and it's best to talk about our targets when we land them.

"But do we look to strengthen and have a scouting department that works all of the time? Yes we have.

"They have to know the market and have to make sure there's value for money on every single player.

Aware

"We don't want to miss anyone but we're not going to sign every player.

"We're very aware of the players being talked about; we were in League One last season and we got to know that league very well.

"If there are any players from there that can take us forward then fine."

Wolves have so far added two summer signings, out-of-contract pair Tommy Rowe and Rajiv Van La Parra. But Jackett maintains fans shouldn't worry about a lack of fresh faces as it's early in the transfer window and as he rates the current squad so highly.

"I don't think people should be concerned," said the boss.

"The group is very good and has started pre-season well and given myself a lot of optimism for the season.

"I don't want to be making any predictions or singing from the rooftops, but based on the last two weeks, I see a fit and hungry group looking forward to the challenge. It's an exciting time.

"If you're looking at a squad of 22 doing 11-a-side, it's a settled group where they know their jobs and are looking forward to what lies ahead."

Jackett added: "It's not a situation where there's a time when we have to sign a player.

"That's not to say the group is struggling or we have a lack of quality or attitude."

Jackett maintains the transfer market hasn't really got going yet.

"It's been very quiet so far," he added.

"Apart from isolated clubs - Rotherham have signed eight I think - it's been quiet."

Squad has subway to go as season looms

Players from Wolverhampton Wanderers on an early morning run through the subway near to their home ground in the city centre

Wolves players were up with the larks this week for their early-morning run as they continued pre-season training.

This time, however, they swapped leafy Compton for Wolverhampton city centre, surprising commuters as they ran through the subway near Molineux.

So far, boss Kenny Jackett has been putting the squad through three sessions a day, but that programme is expected to be whittled down to two as they prepare for a return to action this week at Cheltenham on Friday kickoff is 7.45pm. From there the squad go to Ireland to play Shamrock Rovers in Dublin on the following Monday with the kickoff at 8pm, they then go on to play Bohemians on Wednesday July 16.

The squad follow this then with games back in Blighty away to Peterborough on July 22, kickoff 7.45pm, Crewe Alexandra on July 26 kickoff 3pm. They are closer to home on July 29 playing at Oxford United, kickoff 7.45pm and then they play their first pre-season game at the Molineux against Celta Vigo, kickoff 3pm.

The Wolves then start their season proper with a home game against Norwich on Sunday August 10, kickoff 4pm. Wolves first away match is against Rotherham.

Hodge will be 'the fixer'

STEVE Hodge is being backed to get the best out of Wolves' 'bomb squad'.

The former Nottingham Forest, Tottenham, Villa and England midfielder has been appointed on a part-time basis to look after what head coach Kenny Jackett has respectively termed "group three" – the five unwanted players separated from the first-team squad and Under-21s in pre-season.

Wolves are into the final rounds of interviews for the Under-21s and Under-18s coaches and Hodge will remain with "group three" while the squad is away on tour in Ireland.

Jackett said there had been no further interest in any of the players deemed surplus to requirements.

"The final interviews are going on this week," said Jackett.

"The only one coming in at the moment, and on a part-time basis, is Steve Hodge. He's come in to take our 'group three' – Roger Johnson, Jamie O'Hara, Razak Boukari, Tongo Doumbia and Georg Margreitter. Stephen Ward and Kevin Doyle are to be discussed.

Lockmen pay for their errors

Willenhall Town 0
Walsall Wood 4

THE Lockmen saw the standards they need to aspire to as a clinical Walsall Wood took advantage of defensive errors. Two back passes were punished in the first half. Slack marking cost two goals in the second. This Saturday Willenhall play Rushall, noon kickoff.

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